

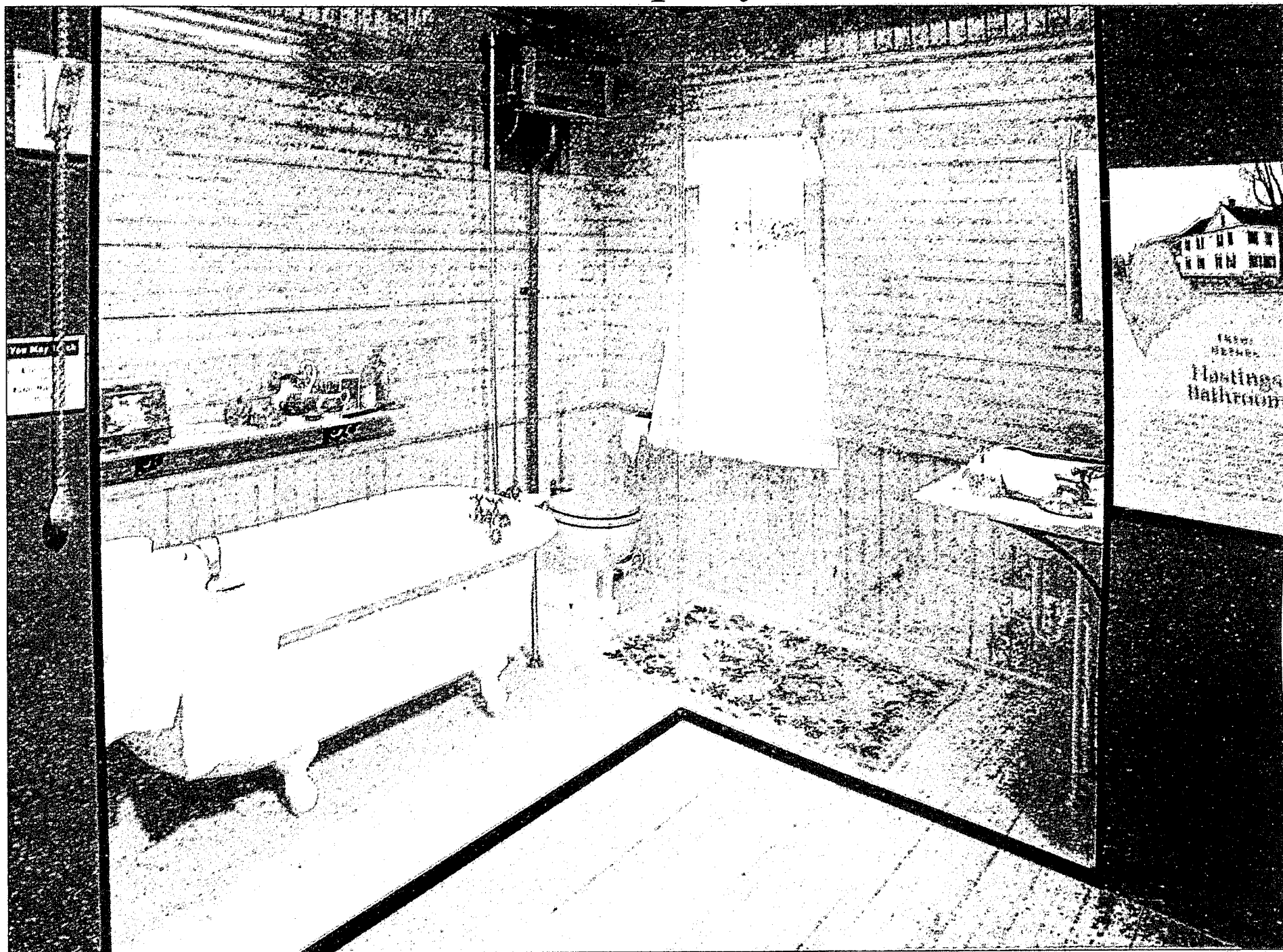
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State Museum visitors now privy to local historian's ...



The Hastings Homestead on Broad Street in Bethel was built around 1820 by John Hastings, a founder of Gould Academy and the village blacksmith. His son Daniel installed indoor plumbing in the home around 1905. The bathroom is the model for a bathroom exhibit (above) that is part of a new exhibition at the Maine State Museum entitled, "At Home in Maine." The permanent exhibition explores the diverse home life of Mainers over time and throughout the state. The plaque accompanying the bathroom exhibit reads: "Daniel and Eugenia Hastings updat-

ed their Bethel, Maine home in the early 1900s to include many new conveniences. No change was as important as the installation of the bathroom. The new indoor room meant that the Hastings family no longer had to brave the cold or dark to use the privy at the far end of the barn. Like other Maine people who had indoor plumbing, members of the Hastings family experienced new privacy while meeting personal grooming and hygiene needs in one room, rather than several spaces spread throughout the house." (Photo: A. Aloisio)

Hastings House chamber is model for Augusta display

By ALISON ALOISIO

In the Maine State Museum's new "At Home in Maine" exhibition, visitors may meander their way through a series of typical rooms from an old-style Maine home.

The tour begins with a traditional 19th-century Acadian kitchen, passes by a 1938-style dining room, and winds its way through a porch from a rustic Maine cottage.

In the cottage exhibit, one

hears in the background the distant call of a loon, and the approach of a small motorboat.

The visitor moves on past a formal parlor and displays of grandfather clocks, lamps and silverware.

Then, turning left from this impressive collection, one comes upon — Stan Howe's bathroom.

Complete with a flushing sound effect.

Howe, the executive director of the Bethel Historical Society, lives in the Hastings Homestead on Broad Street.

The house was built about 1820, and the indoor plumbing represented in the exhibit was installed in 1905.

"The flush sound effect has proved very successful with the visiting public, children and adults," said Kate McBrien, curator of historic collections at the Augusta muse-

um.

McBrien said Howe's bathroom was "a fortunate find" for the museum.

The team that created the exhibition, she said, searched for a bathroom from the early 20th century. They wanted to demonstrate the change to "new indoor plumbing technology in homes and away from the use of privies," she said.

"While we can often rely on

photographs or paintings to replicate rooms for an exhibit, very few photos exist of Maine bathrooms," said McBrien. "Generally, the bathroom is one room where photographs are rarely taken. So we needed to find an intact bathroom in a Maine home, still holding as much of its original fixtures as possible."

McBrien said the Hastings

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Project takes big bite out of soil eroding into McWain Pond

By MICHAEL DANIELS

The McWain Pond Watershed Improvement Project last year reduced soil erosion into the Waterford pond by nearly 25 percent.

Last year's work eliminated an estimated 22 of the 98 tons of soil that has been polluting the pond annually, according to project coordinator Jeff Stern.

The MPWIP is a two-year undertaking that began in April and will run until March 2010.

The project's goal is to eliminate 60 of the 98 tons.

Additional erosion-control projects lined up for this year are expected to eliminate another 38 tons of soil pollution.

Removing the remaining 38 tons at this time would be cost prohibitive, Stern said.

The MPWIP is coordinated by the McWain Pond Association (MPA).

Partners include Lakes Environmental Association, town of Waterford, Portland

Water District, Birch Rock Camp, Camp Waziyatah, watershed landowners and the Maine Department of Environmental Protection.

The MPWIP is funded in part by a \$42,000 federal grant, passed through the Maine DEP.

The project is voluntary and does not involve any regulation or enforcement.

'Junk food' for algae Studies show soil eroding from nearby land is the chief threat to water quality in Maine lakes and ponds.

Phosphorus, a plant nutrient common on land but naturally limited in lakes, attaches to soil particles. When excess phosphorus enters a lake it upsets the natural balance and serves as "junk food" for algae, fueling algae blooms that can turn a formerly clear lake slimy green.

Algae blooms can ruin fishing, swimming and boating and have been shown to re-

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MDEA agents bust two local men for marijuana-growing operation

Two local men have been charged with growing and selling marijuana, after police found plants and 22 pounds of leaves at the home of one of them, on Main Street (Route 26) in Locke Mills village last week.

Mitchell Maddocks, 45, of 11 Rocky Road, Woodstock, was

charged Friday and Gregory Erskine, 51, of 235 Main Street, Greenwood, was charged Monday, the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency said in a statement issued Monday.

MDEA agents, assisted by Bethel and state police and the Oxford County Sheriff's Office, served a search war-

rant at Erskine's home about 11:30 a.m. Friday, MDEA supervisor Gerry Baril said. The search of the property, which also housed Erskine's business, Mountain Machine and Marine, resulted in the discovery of two marijuana growing

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LOCKE MILLS 'SHAKE' STASH

Agents from the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency, assisted by local police, found 22 pounds of dried marijuana leaves (or 'shake') in the attic of a Locke Mills home Friday. Downstairs, plants were cultivated. The shake (brown material) is culled from high THC plants and used as a soil conditioner in the growing process. (MDEA photo)

A third of Andover's hydrants 'frozen solid'

By ALISON ALOISIO

As of Tuesday, 12 of the Andover Water District's 35 hydrants were "frozen solid," AWD trustee Scott Owings said.

But, he told selectmen, a contractor has been hired to possibly begin thawing the hydrants as early as this weekend. The hydrants will then be inspected for damage and, if needed, repaired.

"We're going to correct this problem as soon as possible," said Owings.

Should have been winterized during the fall

Fire Chief Ken Dixon said several of the frozen hydrants are in the village. The Fire Department has enough hose to run the extra distance from working hydrants, he said, although laying the hose could slow the firefighters.

Owings said the frozen hydrants would be brought back online in a "strategic" order, to provide for the best spacing of coverage.

The freezing problem was discovered, he said, after SAD44 notified the AWD that its water was discolored.

Licensed water operator Lucien Roberge tried to flush the water lines by us-

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Telstar hip-hop quartet going on tour

By ALISON ALOISIO

A group of Telstar Middle and High School students will be breakdancing and beatboxing up and down the East Coast this month.

The students will perform with the national touring company "Hip Hop Handbook," a performance group dedicated to the promotion of literacy and creative expression through the hip hop arts, according to a press release from Telstar Middle School art teacher Melissa Prescott.

The THS students, who call themselves "S.U.B." (for Straight Up Breakers), were recognized for their talents last spring, when the Hip Hop Handbook visited Telstar.

HHH put on workshops and performances focusing on all the elements of hip hop culture, including breakdancing, DJing, MCing, and graffiti-style visual art.

Four S.U.B. group members were invited to go on tour with HHH during Feb-

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Letters

NEED A REAL WINTER CARNIVAL

To the Editor:

I don't get it. I just don't see anything special or creative about this year's Bethel winter carnival, except for the eyesore it has created on the Bethel Common. Quite frankly, the Common looks like the inner field of a Nascar race. Two tractor trailers with faded Shaw's logos, a giant RV, and assorted vehicles parked all over mimics more of an unsightly parking lot rather than representing the typical Norman Rockwell scene this beautiful part of town is often identified with.

The idea of a winter carnival is great. But where are the fun and silly carnival events? Where are the outdoor bands, three-legged snowshoe races, beds fitted with skis that are raced down Main Street, polar bear plunge, snow-person building contest, chili cook-off, dogsled races, warming huts, vendor tents, and other fun free or low-cost events?

If you want to have a successful old-fashioned New England winter carnival you need to draw in the local population as well as tourists. Make it silly and make it fun. Hold as many events as possible within Bethel Village. Davis Park and the adjacent walkway between Routes 2 and 26 would be an ideal place to create a "street" of carnival events. An area highly visible to passing public, there is plenty of parking on the ancillary streets, easy access for snowmobilers, and it is halfway between the restaurants in Mayville and Bethel Village. It also boasts a beautiful backdrop of the Androscoggin River and would be away from the residential population. Coupled with the field across from the theater, there are huge possibilities.

To help fund the winter carnival, sell a decorative button that provides free or reduced admission to events, much like New Year's Bethel.

An annual winter carnival is a terrific idea for Bethel's tourist economy, but charging an admission fee to view a few ice sculptures doesn't make a winter carnival. I would strongly urge the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce to join creative forces with the Bethel Recreation Department, Bethel snowmobile clubs, Sunday River Ski Resort and other organizations to create a committee this winter to start working on a real 2010 carnival.

Louis S. Dugeau
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WINTER TRACKING PROGRAM

To the Editor:

The Mahosuc Land Trust is pleased to present a program on tracking winter animals with naturalist David Brown on Friday, Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. in McLaughlin Science Center on the Gould Academy campus.

David Brown is a respected teacher and naturalist with over 20 years of experience interpreting trails and sign of New England mammals. He is also a bird expert. He has conducted wildlife surveys, trained docents, and provided wildlife education planning for public and private sponsors in Maine and Massachusetts. Closest to us, he has done wildlife surveys at Lake Umbagog, collecting marsh bird data. He has also done tracking and bird surveys for the Greater Lovell Land Trust and the Lakes Environmental Association.

This is his second presentation for MLT, and we are delighted to be able to include a winter tracking field trip (reservations required) with him on Saturday, Feb. 14 from 9 to 11 a.m. This is a snowshoe trip and is open to non-land trust members. However, there are a very few places left. If you are interested, please call the land trust office for reservations and information.

Lucia Owen
Mahosuc Land Trust

FARE SHARE COOP THANKS

To the Editor:

Last fall, as the economic crisis deepened, many small businesses suffered. At Fare Share Coop, we realized that we were running about \$12,000 short as the end of our fiscal year approached. One generous, anonymous member offered to match \$6,000 and we wrote letters to our 200 members on Dec. 1 announcing what we called our In-the-Black Campaign. No one expected that we would raise \$6,000 in one month, especially this month of cold, holidays, and recession.

But we did! Over 70 members contributed more than \$6,800 by Dec. 31. Members are the lifeblood of cooperatives, and once more they proved that they care deeply that this business remain a cornerstone of Main Street revitalization and a center of food, art, and community in the Oxford Hills.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you to all members who contributed. If you'd like to be part of this democratically and locally owned coop, please stop by the Market for information about membership. Or check out www.faresharecoop.org. Fare Share is open to all.

Lisa Moore
Secretary, Fare Share Board of Directors

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SNO-GOERS FAMILY FUN DAY

To the Editor:

The Snow Valley Sno-Goers Snowmobile Club, Andover, will hold its First Annual Family Fun Day on Saturday, Feb. 28, from noon until 3 p.m. Storm date would be Sunday, March 1, at the same time.

The event will be held at the Snow Valley Sno-Goers clubhouse, located on South Main Street, Andover. Look for the sign at the driveway to the clubhouse. You can reach the clubhouse by snowmobile on ITS 82 or by car off South Main Street (Route 5), Andover.

The Fun Day will be sponsored by the Snow Valley Sno-Goers and area businesses. All area children accompanied by an adult are invited to join in.

Activities will include sliding, a bonfire with s'mores, hot cocoa, burgers, hot dogs and more. Please bring your own sled!

Lunch will be free to all who bring a food item donation for the local food pantry. Hope to see you there.

K. Thew

Club Reporter, Snow Valley Sno-Goers Snowmobile Club

OPTIMISTIC, YET PESSIMISTIC, ON RECOVERY PLAN

To the Editor:

I was born in the year 1929, the year of the great depression, and have sometimes been accused of being the reason why everyone was so depressed in that era. Growing up in these times I had occasion to witness firsthand the recovery effort put in place by F.D.R. I recall vividly watching the W.P.A. crews working with pick and shovel, laying sewer lines throughout the area. I also saw the C.C.C. people doing projects in the rural areas. These entities were devised specifically to put the unemployed back to work.

It also had the compounding effect of putting other people back to work in the industrial and manufacturing sector providing the necessary items and material needed in the execution of these projects. I have an uneasy feeling as to the effectiveness of the present recovery effort, for the following reasons:

There have been a number of polls taken to ascertain the degree of optimism or pessimism with which the possibility of an economic recovery in this country is regarded. Were I a participant of this poll, I would have to profess both, optimism and pessimism.

Optimism, that the government under the guidance of this new administration is sincerely and ardently dedicated to leveling the economic playing field for the working class of America.

Pessimism, or at least skepticism that they might not comprehend one of the major contributing factors to the ever-looming menace of an economic demise.

Under the intense and persuasive influence of this nation's, self-serving corporate community, former government administrations were duped into putting into place mechanisms that allowed corporate America to export most of the well-paying, industrial and manufacturing jobs to China. Therefore in essence, corporate America, for its own personal gain, transferred much of working class America's future earning capacity to a foreign country.

The economic recovery effort suggested by the new administration, which advocates taking advantage of green technology and the rebuilding of this nation's transportation infrastructure to create a new job market is indeed meritorious.

America was once the most prosperous nation on earth, largely due to its industrial and manufacturing capabilities.

If the initial recovery effort does not first reinstate our industrial and manufacturing infrastructure to its former status, the recovery effort would be impugned, possibly beyond redemption. If every item of necessary material needed to take advantage of our green technology and effect the rebuilding of this country's transportation infrastructure has to be brought from China on behalf of corporate greed, the Chinese economy will flourish, the American economy will continue to flounder and possibly fail, in which case, due to corporate greed, the Chinese may possibly, eventually own the United States.

Don Chase
Bethel

'SHOP LOCAL' THANKS

To the Editor:

If you are a regular WMTW-TV Channel 8, Portland watcher, you may have seen the commercial messages for a new project of the station known as "Keep Maine Strong." Businesses and organizations are being asked to sponsor spots in an attempt to encourage and remind Mainers to do business in their local communities.

The Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the Bethel Village Task Force and The Bethel Citizen had a wonderful promotion in December, encouraging us to Shop Local. This concept is something we all should consider every day, as we all make purchases year round — not just before the holidays.

Please remember that our local businesses are supplying needed jobs to local people and, when local business owners prosper, they most often circulate their profits right back into our communities.

As an organization, our chamber encourages businesses to work together toward a common goal. The Shop Local campaign was a wonderful example of that, and we would like to acknowledge the following businesses for their leadership in this effort: 22 Broad Street at Gideon Hastings House, 32 Parkway Plaza, Brooks Bros., Inc., Café DiCocoa, Crossroads Diner, Designs Florist and Interiors, Good Food Store, Linda Clifford Scottish and Irish Merchant, Little Bits Consignment, Maine Line Products, Mouse and Bean, Mt. Mann Jewelers, Pooh Corner Farm and Greenhouse, Ruthie's, S. S. Milton, Sassafras Market, Sudbury Inn, Sunday River Gems, The Bethel Citizen, The Jolly Drayman at the Briar Lea Inn, The Victoria Inn and Restaurant, Timberlake's Home Store, True North Adventureware, Western Maine Supply, Wild Rose, Funky Red Barn, and Jade's Salon. Many of these businesses offered raffles and special events during the promotion as well.

Congratulations to Amy Davis of Bethel who won the \$100 in Bethel Bucks and to Ruth Grover for donating those funds back to the Buy Local fund! Other raffle donations were provided by: Jolly Drayman, The Sudbury Inn, The Bethel Inn Resort, The Victoria Inn and Restaurant, Maine Line Products, Linda Clifford Scottish and Irish Merchant, S.S. Milton, and Wild Rose.

The Bethel village was aglow in beautiful luminaries on Friday evening, Dec. 12, when the businesses agreed to stay open later into the evening. The Bethel Performing Arts Project, led by Ross Timberlake and Lynn Arizzi, worked with the local musicians to host a very fun evening for all. Many thanks to the following businesses and entertainers for hosting and participating in this event: 22 Broad St., Bethel Citizen, Pooh Corner Farm, Maine Line Products, Café DiCocoa, Kai Clothing, Linda Clifford, Brooks Bros., Jades Salon, True North Adventureware, Mouse and Bean, Sassafras Market, Sudbury Inn, S.S. Milton, The Victoria, Funky Red Barn, SpiritWings, Amy and Wendy Green, Ross Timberlake, Jewel Clark, Donnie Katlin, Kathleen DeVoores, Meredith Mink, Connie St. Pierre, Bethel Community Players, Lynn Arizzi, Jim McLaughlin, Dylan Thomas, and Ten Point Stump.

A special thanks to the Mahosuc Kids Association who decorated the luminaries, to Sassafras Market for donating the bags and to Carole Duplessis for helping to coordinate that part of the activity.

Supporting your local businesses and economy is important every day of the year. Many thanks for making every effort to do this!

Sue Milton, Jim Mann, Kamil Sahin, Ross Timberlake, Ellen Whitney
for the Bethel Village Task Force

Bethel selectmen's statement on not renewing the contract of Town Manager Scott Cole

The following statement was released Monday by the Bethel Board of Selectmen:

To Whom It May Concern:

Scott G. Cole has served as Bethel's town manager since June 1, 1999. He was initially hired under a two-year employment agreement. Two four-year agreements were subsequently authorized by the Board of Selectmen, in 2001 and 2005.

Under terms of the current agreement, the Board of Selectmen has now chosen not to renew Mr. Cole's agreement, which expires on June 30, 2009. The Board may wish to retain his services through that date, and may favor his service as town manager for an interim period beyond that date, if required by future circumstances.

The employment agreement does not require statement of a specific reason, or reasons, for non-renewal by the Board of Selectmen. Thus, none are given. Each member of the Board cast an individual vote for his own reason(s), following lengthy discussion in two separate executive sessions.

We believe that this action best serves the overall interest of the Town of Bethel and is not intended to reflect poorly on Mr. Cole's character, or his job performance as town manager. In fact, we believe that Mr. Cole has done a good job in Bethel the past ten years. His departure is taken with regret. Nevertheless, after weighing the many varied pros and cons present in such a decision, we believe that non-renewal best serves the town's interest.

We do wish Mr. Cole the best in his professional career, and sincerely thank him for his service in Bethel.

Bethel Board of Selectmen: Stanley R. Howe, Chair, Dennis R. Doyon, Vice Chair;
Donald G. Bennett; Jack L. Cross; Robert A. Everett

Clarification and note: In last week's article on the Bethel Board of Selectmen electing not to renew the contract of Town Manager Scott Cole, the reference to Cole's dealings with the Bethel Airport Authority should have noted that at the time in question (1999, his first year in Bethel) he was acting at the direction of the selectmen, who were then attempting to re-establish their authority as the ultimate decision makers in airport matters. In next week's edition of The Citizen, Cole will offer his own perspective on his ten-year tenure in Bethel.

Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Bethel police officer Henry Grenier chased down and stopped a freight train pulling a chlorine-filled tank car with a broken wheel assembly.

Crescent Park School fifth graders were working on a play, "Big Anthony and the Magic Ring," under the direction of Mrs. Raymond, librarian.

The Bethel Board of Selectmen was accepting applications for three volunteer positions on the Airport Authority.

Deaths: Emile Miele, Bernard Polak, Dennis C. McAllister, Isabelle L. Bryant, Florence E. Jordan, Bryce H. Yates, Marion Spinney Soule, Harold "Hank" Rolfe.

20 years ago: Hot air balloons were the featured attraction at the 4th Annual Western Mountains Winter Wonderland Week at Sunday River Ski Resort.

Gould Academy mathematics instructors John Wight and Peter Rackliffe were the main speakers at the Symposium on Computers and Secondary School Mathematics in Meredith, N.H.

Cross-country ski racer Bill Koch held a workshop for Telstar's middle school and high school at the Sunday River Inn and Cross Country Ski Center.

Births: Katlin Marie Harrington, Tonya Kay Marlene Hebert.

Deaths: Myrtle T. Clifford, Leonard Kimball, Albert G. McAllister, Eric D. Berry, Emery A. Taylor, Elmer F. Dingley.

30 years ago: The skating rink at Crescent Park School was open, and was lit for skating until 8 p.m.

Telstar Regional High School skiers dominated both the boys' and girls' cross-country races for a double win in the MVC championship.

The Bethel Fire Department was called out to a chimney fire at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Stefanic in Newry. Birth: Matthew James Hutchins.

40 years ago: A camp in Grafton, owned by Mrs. Donald Hanscom of South Paris, was destroyed by fire.

Plans were underway to implement an Adult Education Program at Telstar Regional High School.

Seven persons escaped injury when their car skidded into the front of a stalled trailer tanker in an icy hill on Route 26 in Woodstock.

Birth: Andrew Mark Charest.

Death: Neil H. MacKillop.

50 years ago: Members of Bethel Boy Scout Troop 165 attended a Ski Carnival at Spruce Mountain in Jay.

The Rumford Hospital Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Murray Thurston to discuss projects for the coming year.

The boiler room at the newly constructed Roger F. Vreau factory in West Bethel was destroyed by a fire of undetermined origin.

Death: Mrs. Walter Marcuse, Mrs. Louella Proctor, Mrs. Ella E. Hodsdon, Olin J. McCarthy.

60 years ago: James A. Browne and Robert J. Croteau, USN, were serving aboard the light cruiser USS Huntington.

The Rev. K.W. Hawthorne was attending a special meeting of the General Council of Congregational Churches in Cleveland, Ohio.

Deaths: George I. Angevine, Garard C. Eames, Thomas Henry Schools.

70 years ago: Miss Ina Bean, Sunday River, entered the training school for nurses at CMG Hospital, Lewiston.

Mr. and Mrs. P.O. Brinck were given a house-warming at their new home on lower Main Street.

Deaths: Mrs. Martha Baldwin Chapman, Hubert York, Mrs. Marietta Bartlett, Mrs. Carrie Lane Barlow, Arthur D. Woodrow.

100 years ago: Gould Academy boys' basketball defeated the Bates College class of '11 by a 48-5 margin.

C. A. Lucas moved his store to the recently completed Hastings Block, corner of Main and Church streets.

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Hydrants

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ing a nearby hydrant. That's when he discovered it was frozen. So he began checking the other hydrants, tallying the dozen. Roberge notified Dixon of the problem late Sunday afternoon. "This is unusual," said Dixon. "We've had freezeups on occasion, but this number is unusual." Roberge agreed, saying the freeze was the result of lack of maintenance. "The hydrants should have been prepared for winter during the fall, but they were not," he said. "It's not uncommon to find one or two hy-

drants that get frozen in the winter. But finding 12 frozen in a system — that's a maintenance issue." Roberge, the licensed operator for the Bethel Water District, is temporarily serving in the same capacity in Andover. He stepped into the role in early January, after AWD's operator resigned. **New trustee appointed** In other AWD-related business Tuesday, selectmen appointed Fred Detheridge to an open seat on the AWD Board of Trustees. He will serve until the next annual district meeting, in June.

Busts

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rooms on the second floor, and two other rooms in the attic where the dried plants were stripped of leaves. Police seized 10 live marijuana plants, about two ounces of processed marijuana, and the stalks of 148 full-grown and harvested plants. Also seized were 22 pounds of marijuana leaves. The MDEA estimated the street value of the seizure at more than \$22,000.

Maddocks was charged Friday with trafficking marijuana because more than 20 pounds of marijuana plant material was seized, and with cultivating marijuana. Erskine was arrested Monday on the same charges after he turned himself in at the Rumford Police Department. Both men are out on bail and will be arraigned in Oxford County Superior Court in April.

Briefly

Special Town Meeting in Andover

ANDOVER—A special Town Meeting will take place in Andover tonight (Thursday) to consider approval of a \$59,753 loan to complete payment on the town's new fire truck. The total borrowing on the three-year loan, including debt service, would be \$63,278. The funding on the \$344,000 truck is broken down as follows: \$237,000 from a FEMA grant; \$12,500 from a match from Andover; \$35,000 from a fire truck account; and the remainder from the amount requested tonight. The purchase and funding were approved at last year's annual Town Meeting. But the warrant was prepared incorrectly and selectmen were not officially authorized to take out a loan, according to chairman Susan Merrow, necessitating a new vote. The original plan called for approximately \$45,000 in borrowing over three years, with another \$20,000 raised from the sale of two old fire trucks. Those trucks have been put out to bid, Fire Chief Ken Dixon said, but have not yet been sold, resulting in a higher figure requested for the loan. Dixon said if the trucks are sold, the proceeds could then be applied to the loan.

Home sales head up

NATIONWIDE—The number of new sales contracts on existing homes jumped a seasonally adjusted 6.3 percent in December as buyers took advantage of lower mortgage rates and falling prices, a real estate trade group said Tuesday. The pending home sales index rose 6.3 percent in December and is now up 2.1 percent compared with a year earlier, the National Association of Realtors said. The increase points to a healthy gain in existing-home sales in January and February. The index is based on signed sales contracts, which usually occur a month or two before the sale is closed, when sales are reported in the NAT's existing-home sales report.

Another roll of casino dice?

AUGUSTA—Oxford County may get another chance to host a casino if a bill proposed by state Rep. Sawin Millett, R-Waterford, gains traction. Last fall, Maine voters defeated a casino proposal drafted by Seth Carey of Rumford. But voters in Androscoggin, Franklin and Oxford counties approved the measure, prompting Millett to take a closer look at the issue. "I basically picked up on the fact that it had broad support in the region," Millett said. "My sense is there could be multiple parties interested, hopefully some would be from Maine." Gov. John Baldacci's office isn't buying that argument, however. He contends the state's voters have had their say, and it was no. Still, more than 32,500 voters in Androscoggin County approved last fall's proposal, compared to about 22,000 who voted in opposition to it. In Franklin County, about 8,700 voters were in favor of the measure, with 8,300 opposed. In Oxford County, about 19,000 voted in favor and 12,700 voted in opposition. Millett said he submitted his proposal to the Revisor of Statutes office and expects a formal bill to be printed in a couple weeks. The proposal requires statewide casino approval as well as voters' approval from the town that would host the casino, according to Millett. "At this point in time, economic strategies are few and far between," Millett said. "Why look away from a possible income source?"

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Erosion

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MUZIK LANE, ON THE EAST SIDE OF McWAIN POND, after erosion control construction. The ditch was reshaped and lined with rock. Bare areas were seeded and mulched. The broken driveway culvert was replaced. The erosion channel that cut through the edge of Muzik Lane has been filled. Additional work was done downhill from where the photograph was taken.

duce lakeshore property values.

That last factor can then send its own ripple of erosion through a town's tax base and economy.

A priority watershed
Long-term water testing by Lakes Environmental Association and MPA had indicated McWain Pond is vulnerable to algae blooms.

For that reason it was included on the state's list of "priority watersheds" for protection.

The pond's 3.9-square-mile watershed is made up of all the land that drains to the pond through tributary streams, ditches, surface runoff and groundwater seeps.

In 2006 MPA volunteers, guided by a technical team, surveyed the watershed for erosion "hot spots."

They found 95 problem areas. Some of the highest priority sites occurred on gravel roads and that's where MPA focused its efforts in 2008.

One such road is Whiting Ave., a private road on the west side of the pond that had washed out several times in the past, most recently during the Patriot's Day storm in 2007.

The washouts poured huge amounts of soil into the pond, Stern said.

MPA partnered with the McWain Shores Association to build two "broad-based dip" water bars across the road. (McWain Shores is a subdivision on the west side of the pond.)

The water bars (or "interceptor dykes") divert storm flows off the road and into the surrounding woods where the soil settles out harmlessly on the ground.

In the case of Whiting Ave., the water bar consists of a roadside ditch reinforced with rock rip-rap, to slow the runoff and further reduce erosion.

McWain Shores Association spent \$2,860, which MPA matched from the grant.

Erosion-control work was also completed at Muzik Lane, and at a lakeside picnic area on the east side of the pond.

This year the MPA plans to work with the town to address erosion problems along Waterford's roads.

And Birch Rock Camp plans to complete work to control erosion from its steep property.

MPA will continue assisting other watershed landowners in controlling erosion problems.

The association provides free technical assistance and can match landowners' out-of-pocket costs with "mini grants" up to \$300.

Two public-education workshops are also planned for 2009 — one focuses on how to plant vegetative buffers to help control soil erosion, and the other on proper maintenance of camp roads and driveways.

For more information, contact Stern at 583-2723, or MPA President Tony Butterall at 583-2955.

Hip Hop

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ruary vacation.

They will participate in six separate performances, from New Hampshire to Virginia.

The group members are 10th-graders Jeremy Putnam and Eric Roy, and eighth-graders Alex Goulet and Cody Merchant.

The boys practice together at each other's houses for several hours a week. They also organized an afterschool breakdancing practice group through Mahoosuc Kids Association.

"The group immediately developed a close relationship with the performers in the Hip Hop Handbook," said Prescott.

"They even performed with them on stage.

The visiting artists were so impressed with the talent and motivation of the S.U.B. dancers that they began conversations with me about a possible opportunity to bring the group on tour with them.

The boys had become interested in breakdancing long before HHH visited Telstar.

Jeremy was drawn to dance first, when he was in sixth grade, after watching an MTV video. After meeting Eric in Prescott's art class, the two became best friends and fellow breakdancers.

When Prescott assigned the class a project in self-expression, the choice was easy.

"We decided to do dance," said Jeremy.

A couple of years later, best friends Alex and Cody were added to the group.

They credit Prescott for encouraging them. "She's been supportive from the beginning," said Jeremy.

Although HHH does presentations for entire schools, Prescott invited HHH to Telstar with the quartet of boys particularly in mind.

"They told us if we were good enough they would take us on tour," said Alex.

The group has been practicing ever since. They've received funding support from MKA and Project Opportunity, they said.

Performance tonight

Tonight (Thursday) S.U.B. will present a short performance during half-time of the Telstar-Jay boys basketball game.

The game begins at 7 p.m. During the game, there will also be a 50-50 raffle to help this group of students raise money for their tour expenses.

The Hip Hop Handbook was established in

2006, by a hip hop duo known as The Rebelz, Prescott's release said.

They began with a mission to teach and entertain by putting together a showcase representing all the elements of hip hop that teaches the true history of one of America's first music cultures.

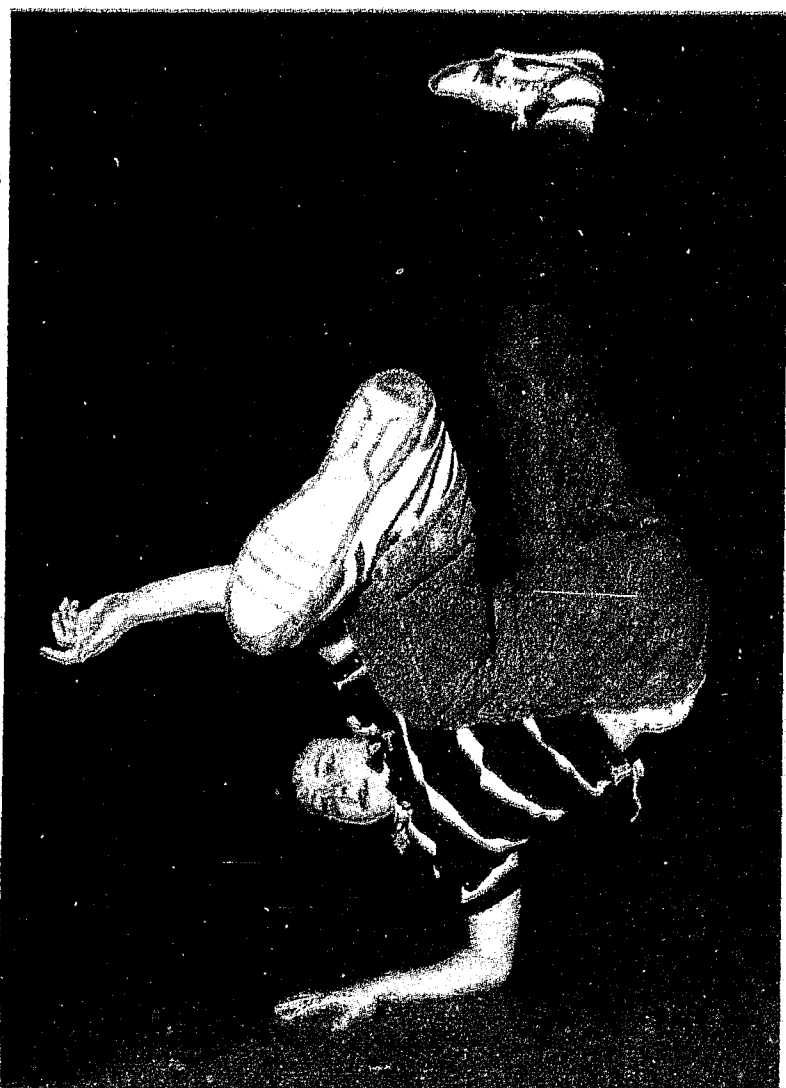
They work to build confidence in youth, promote the positivity of the hip hop culture, and instill self-esteem in kids by helping them to express themselves through this art form.

Their workshops and performances provide students of all

ages with the opportunity to experience and enjoy various forms of urban music and dance expression in a safe, respectful, and positive format.

Last year alone the Hip Hop Handbook performed in 30 states, traveling more than 90,000 miles.

They performed for more than 150,000 students, from elementary to college, and expanded awareness of hip hop culture.



THE HIP PERSPECTIVE—Alex Goulet, an eighth-grader at Telstar Middle School, is one of four students who will go on tour during February vacation with the "Hip Hop Handbook" company. For a photo of all four boys, see Page 10.

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

Bathroom

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bathroom not only had fixtures that were still intact, but also had wood-paneled walls in good condition.

The staff became aware of the bathroom when a member met with Howe in Bethel, she said.

Howe agreed to allow use of the room as a model.

"They came and spent a good part of the day measuring and photographing," said Howe.

The exhibition was scheduled to open Nov. 22, 2008.

About a month before, the jokes started.

Howe was at a meeting at the State Museum.

One of the staff members made a point to note that the bathroom would be a prominent part of the exhibition.

"I felt like hiding in the corner," said Howe.

On opening day, Howe traveled to Augusta to visit the bathroom.

"I came around the corner and was taken aback," he said, at the prominence of a normally private room.

He then stood for about 20 minutes off to one side of the exhibit to watch visitors' reactions.

"They would come around the corner and a smile would come to their faces," he said.

A sign next to a chain on the wall outside the exhibit invites visitors to "pull chain to hear the flush work."

"They loved pulling the flush," said Howe.

In a bit of chronological irony, the 100-year-old authentic flushing sound from the toilet's overhead cistern was actually found on and recorded from the Internet.

"It fit our purposes perfectly to help visitors 'experience' a bathroom from the turn of the 20th century," said McBrien.

Howe is clearly enjoying his bathroom's new-found fame.

"It's very unusual to have a bathroom in a museum," he said.

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The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

Punxsutawney Phil made his annual trip up to Gobbler's Knob, saw his shadow and retreated back into his hidey-hole for another six weeks.

Considering that with or without Phil's shadow there is roughly another six weeks of winter, I think he went back into his burrow because that's where he wanted to be. He probably never wanted to come out of it for another six weeks anyway.

It seems possible to me that Phil resents being pulled from his winter slumber to go up on a hill named after a turkey part to predict what nature controls and has nothing to do with him.

According to a website I investigated to learn a little more about this famous groundhog I found that he has been doing his annual shadow forecast since 1887. Since the beginning Phil has seen his shadow 97 times, 15 times he didn't and 9 times the event was not recorded.

What the website did not say is how many weeks of winter there was in the 15 times that no shadow was present. I think that is a pretty important piece of information to gauge Phil's accuracy.

There was also no mention as to why there were nine years when no records were kept. Maybe Phil was a no-show; maybe he just wanted to sleep.

If Phil has been the Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania meteorologist since 1887 that makes him 122 years old. Chances are he can't even see his shadow and more than likely doesn't care to. The poor little rodent would probably like to retire.

I found that he has been doing his annual shadow forecast since 1887.

I have a couple of Phil's cousins that live in my neighborhood during the spring. They're smart enough to stay in hibernation this time of the year. They start strolling around my yard in late March or early April. I don't know if they can predict any weather patterns, but they sure can predict when the tender shoots in my flower garden are breaking through the ground.

Groundhogs aside, animals and insects have been used as weather forecasters for many years. We have all heard that when the cows are lying down in the pasture it's going to rain. Either that or they're actually tired.

There is an old saying, "A cow's tail to the west is weather coming at its best; a cow's tail to the east is weather coming at its least." I don't know if there's any truth to that, but you can at least tell

which way the wind is blowing.

Supposedly, crickets can tell you what the temperature is. The formula for this is to count the number of chirps in 14 seconds and add 40. There is a cricket who takes up residence right outside my bedroom window every summer. I swear, this annoying little bug chirps at least 1,000 times per minute. I'm definitely not going to get my stopwatch out and count the darn chirps. When I want to know what the temperature is I look at my thermometer rather than count on a stupid cricket.

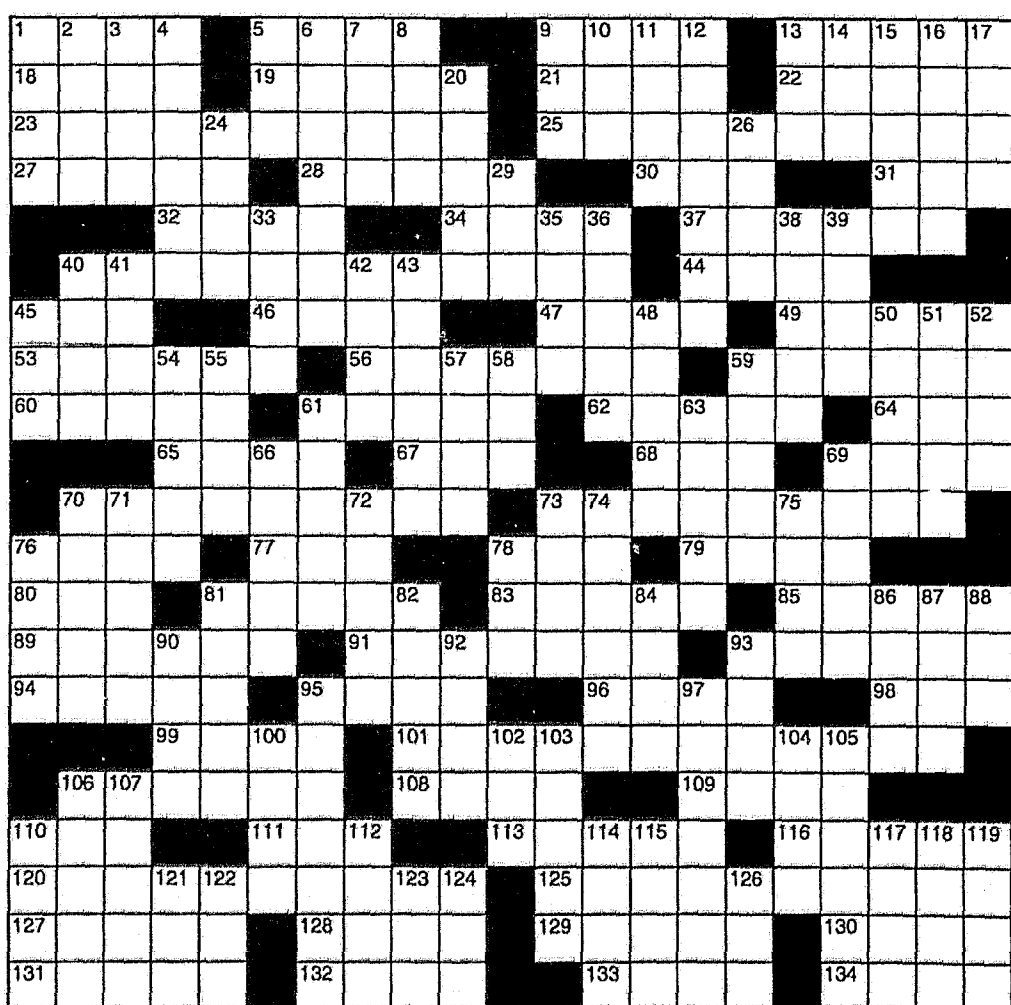
There are some people who swear by the woolly caterpillar as a winter forecaster. More black bands than brown indicates a bad winter ahead and more brown bands means a mild winter, or so they say.

It's also said the height of hornets nests has the same reliability as the woolly caterpillar; the higher the nest the worse the winter.

Some of Mother Nature's weather predictions do have some basis in fact, however I still have serious doubts about the groundhog and his shadow.

While Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow New York's Staten Island Chuck did not. Chuck did, however, bite the Mayor's finger, which, the way I see it indicates that groundhogs just want to be left alone no matter how many weeks of winter are left.

- ACROSS
- 1 Kite or cool
 - 5 Chihuahua snack
 - 9 "Goodbye, Columbus" author
 - 13 Egyptian Nobellist
 - 18 Sore
 - 19 Addis —
 - 21 Merrill melody
 - 22 Menander's marketplace
 - 23 6' actress
 - 25 6' comedian
 - 27 Cook clams
 - 28 Trickle
 - 30 Clean-air org.
 - 31 Cartoon cry
 - 32 Wool gatherer?
 - 34 Not — many words
 - 37 "Animal Farm" author
 - 40 6' actor
 - 44 Garfield's pal
 - 45 Tie the knot
 - 46 38 Down, for one
 - 47 — impasse
 - 49 Sour sort
 - 53 Swallow up
 - 56 Undergoes
 - 59 Make a pile?
 - 60 Pool person
 - 61 Puzzling problem
 - 62 Scarlett's sweetheart
 - 64 Actress Hagen
 - 65 Potter's need
 - 67 Browning's bedtime?
 - 68 Diva Marton
 - 69 Young or King
 - 70 6' designer
 - 73 6' author
 - 76 Art deco figure
 - 77 Marsh
 - 78 Parenthesis shape
 - 79 Melodious
 - 80 Deli loaf
 - 81 Robert of "The Citadel"
 - 83 Felina, familiarly
 - 85 Force
 - 89 66 Michael Caine movie
 - 91 Supervise
 - 93 Take for granted
 - 94 Attack
 - 95 They may get cold
 - 96 Ring out
 - 98 Fix a fight
 - 99 And others
 - 101 6' singer
 - 106 Paraguayan litle
 - 108 Mediocre
 - 109 When pigs whistle, to Tennyson
 - 110 Mongrel
 - 111 Address abbr.
 - 113 Actress Hedren
 - 116 Gettysburg commander
 - 120 6' trumpeter
 - 125 6' anthropologist
 - 127 Doll up
 - 128 Ireland
 - 129 County in
 - 128 Across
 - 130 Scorch
 - 131 Pass on
 - 132 Crowd-burst?
 - 133 Part of a threat
 - 134 Connecticut campus
 - 1 Scott's "The — Quartet"
 - 10 Mispickel, e.g.
 - 11 Become winded
 - 12 Queequeg's weapon
 - 13 Mr. Mineo
 - 14 Season firewood
 - 15 Peg
 - 16 Shake-spearan sprite
 - 17 Chore
 - 20 Clear jelly
 - 24 Love, to Livy
 - 26 Grounds
 - 29 — Cat (winter transport)
 - 33 Relief initials?
 - 35 Constellation component
 - 36 Furry fisherman
 - 38 Cowes' locale
 - 39 First name in architecture
 - 40 Fellow
 - 41 Brink
 - 42 Role for Liz
 - 43 Has a hunch
 - 45 Craven or Unseld
 - 48 Peter of Peter and Gordon
 - 50 It's down in the mouth
 - 51 Copper or cobalt
 - 52 Mastermind
 - 54 Quilter's cry
 - 55 Vegetable
 - 57 "Disco Duck" singer
 - 58 Keatsian crock
 - 59 Barrel part
 - 61 Tower
 - 63 Each's partner
 - 66 Head monk
 - 69 See 70
 - 70 With 69 Down, "Heaven" singer
 - 71 Stuff
 - 72 Dumbstruck
 - 73 "True —" (69 film)
 - 74 Arm-y types?
 - 75 Wading bird
 - 76 Therefore
 - 78 Canine grp.
 - 81 "Same here!"
 - 82 Lock
 - 84 "Lemon —" (65 hit)
 - 86 Immaculate
 - 87 Kuwaiti kingpin
 - 88 Turkey serving
 - 90 "I've — had!"
 - 92 Conductor Klemperer
 - 93 — vera
 - 95 Roaring Twenties figure
 - 97 Canvas shades
 - 100 inland sea
 - 102 Superlative suffix
 - 103 Nullifies
 - 104 "Nautilus" captain
 - 105 Formal
 - 106 Kid stuff?
 - 107 Comic Leon
 - 110 Canterbury cleaner
 - 112 Austin or Copley
 - 114 Velvet feature
 - 115 Bucket
 - 117 On the briny
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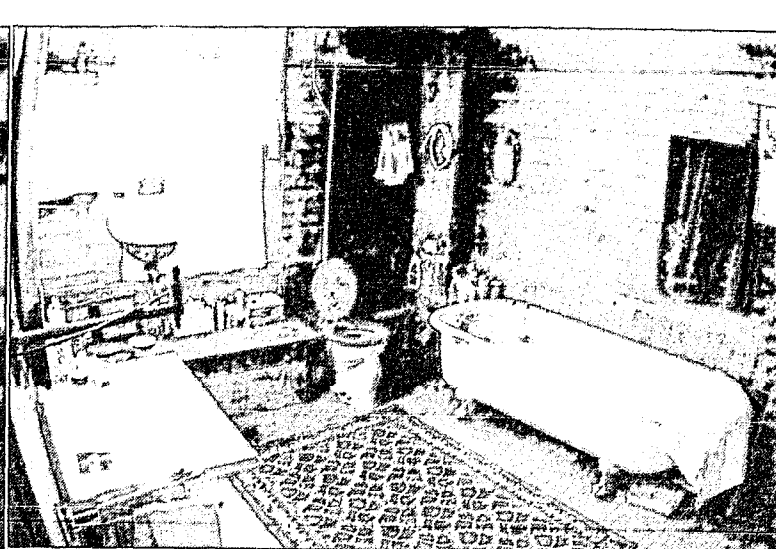
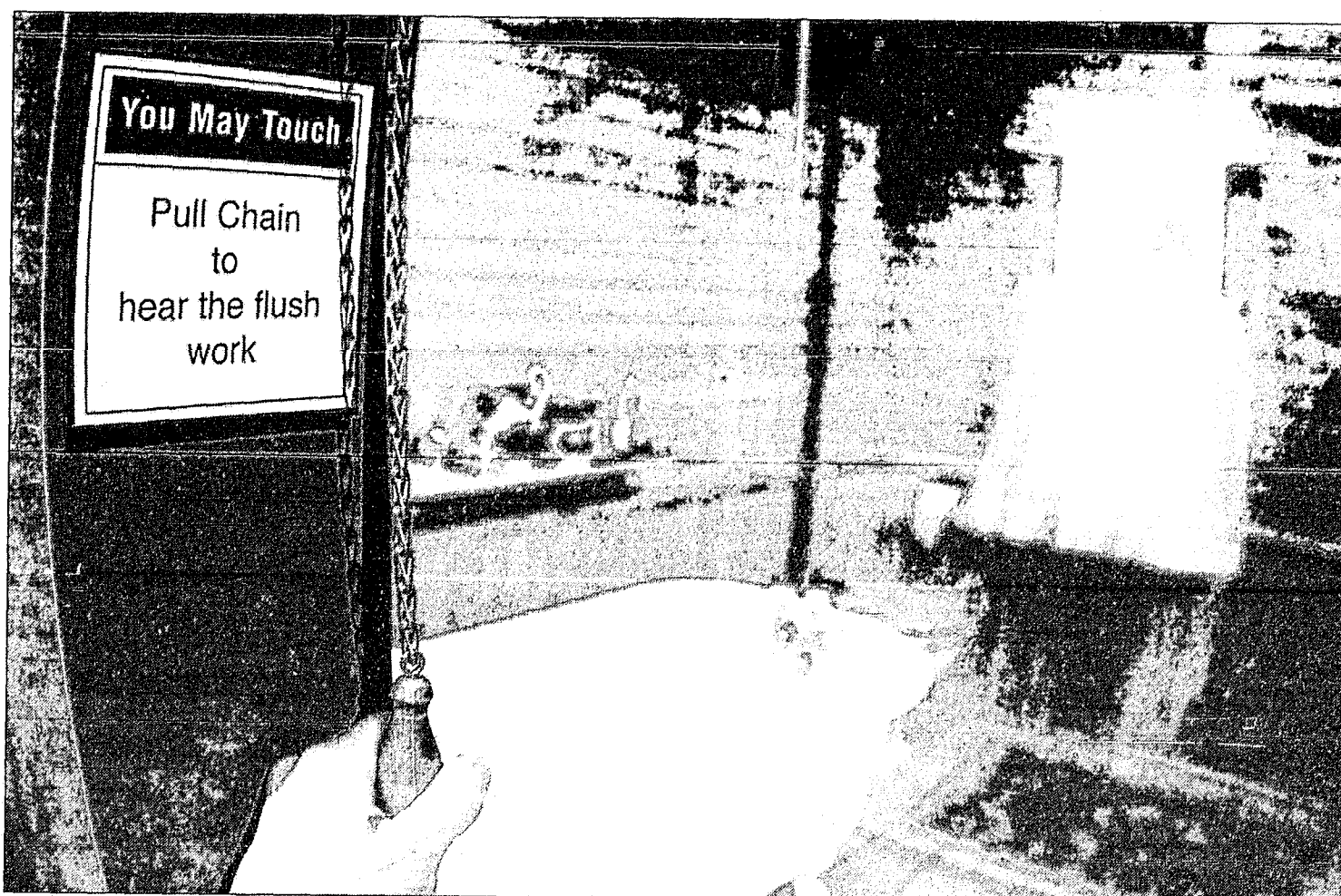
'Six-footers'

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INTERACTIVE DISPLAY
Stan Howe's Bethel bathroom is the model for an exhibit in the Maine State Museum. (Left) Pulling a chain treats museum visitors to a flushing sound effect. Top, Howe's actual bathroom in the Hastings Homestead. Right, a photo of the house displayed at the museum.

(Bathroom photos: A. Aloisio)



From the Bethel Police Log:

Tuesday, Feb. 3

At 11:30 p.m. Officer George Gould responded to a residence for a report of juveniles possibly consuming alcohol. It was determined all were of age. A warning was issued regarding vehicles parked on a narrow street.

Sunday, Feb. 1

At 9:30 a.m. Officer Bill Britting responded to a two-vehicle accident on Mayville Rd. Two subjects were taken to the hospital to be checked. Another subject, Alfred Almeida, 46, of Southfield, R.I. was summonsed for operating without a license.

At 11:30 p.m. Officer Jeff Campbell summonsed Julie E. Hellyar, 40, for OUI on Main St.

Saturday, Jan. 31

At 9:15 a.m. Officer Jack Taylor responded to Route 2 in West Bethel for a property damage accident.

At 3:45 p.m. Officer Jason Goff responded to a business for a report that two subjects had pumped gas and left without paying. The suspect was found, and agreed to pay for the gas. No charges were filed.

At 4 p.m. Officer Jason Goff responded with Bethel Rescue to a medical call on the Walkers Mills Rd.

Friday, Jan. 30

At 6:15 p.m. Officer Rusty Daley assisted a county deputy on Route 232 with a single vehicle rollover accident. The officer provided traffic control until the Fire Department arrived.

Thursday, Jan. 29

At 11:52 p.m. on the Walkers Mills Rd. Officer Jeff Campbell stopped and arrested Brian K. Nystrom, 30, for OUI.

Wednesday, Jan. 28

At 11:01 p.m. Officer Crystal Aylward responded to the East Bethel Rd. for a report of a suspicious person.

January Tally of BPD Activity

Calls for service (assaults, domestic incidents, etc.): 118

Arrests: 17

Warnings: 20

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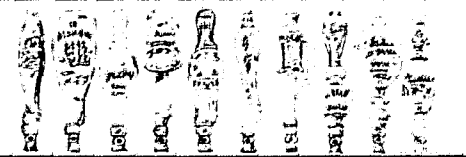
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by Virginia Keniston
Women's Fellowship of West Parish Congregational Church held a breakfast this past Wednesday at The Victoria honoring Sharon Lyon and Priscella Walker.

On Feb. 13 from 1 to 3 p.m. Bethel Methodist Church will host a tea in the dining room. There is no charge but donations welcome. Everyone and Red Hat Ladies welcome. We had a phone call from Debbie Adams this week. She wanted to be remembered to her friends in Bethel. She and Charlie lived on the Songo Pond Road for 21 years and were active in the Methodist Church. She now lives in South Jay and works as Women's Health nurse in Norway at Ripley Medical Building. They have four grandsons who Charlie loves taking ice fishing at this point.

Mary Lou and Hi Berry have returned to Lone Pine after a two-week visit in Florida.

Shanta Hoff has a wonderful collection of used children's clothes at the shop next to the Methodist Church. What a great idea to share these clothes when they probably were used once.

Gene and Ginger Kelly are visiting their daughter and granddaughter in Georgia.

Betsy and Marc Retallack of Beverly, Mass., visited Amy Davis several days this week.

Please call 824-2661 with news.

West Bethel



by Lorrie Hoeh
Last Wednesday's storm dumped another foot of snow here at the

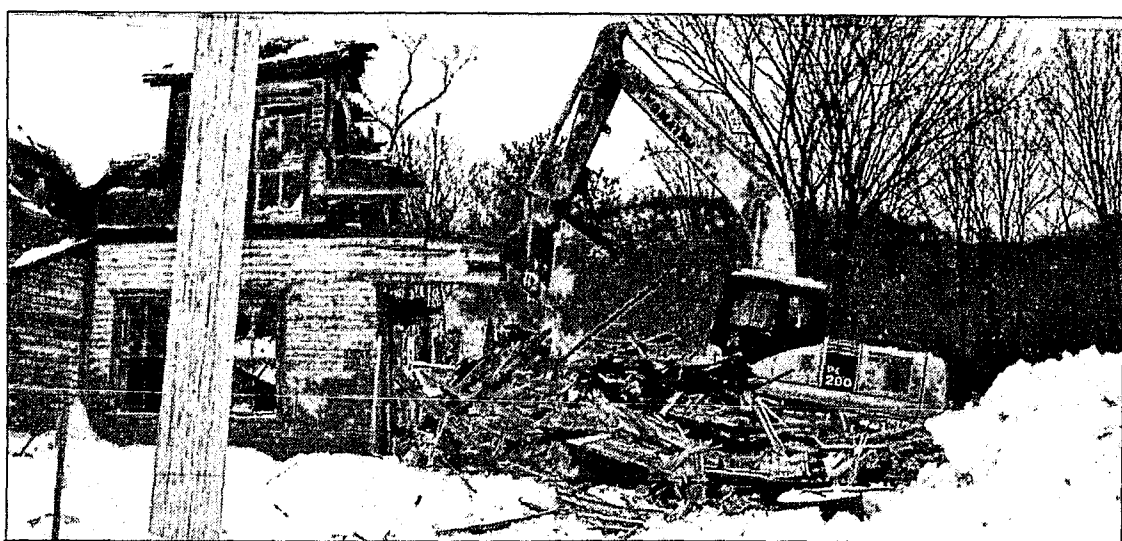
Hoehstead, bringing this season's total snowfall to 78 inches, just over half of the 154 inches we received all last winter. And the groundhog saw his shadow on Monday, so we have six more weeks to beat that record, as if we wanted to.

Speaking of snow, Gail Martin called from Norway to ask about snow levels here. She and her husband John have a camp on the Flat Road. She was wondering if they should come up and shovel the roof. I opined as how it might be a good idea. They probably showed up sometime on Monday to do so.

Tilly the Turkey continues her almost daily visits. Mike puts out a special cocktail on the ground, consisting of sunflower seed and cracked corn. Then he throws a little snow over all to discourage the omnipresent blue jays and encourage Tilly to scratch for her supper. Seems to work pretty well. I scared Tilly off Monday morning when I opened the breezeway door to shake out a rug, not realizing she was still out there. Off she flew, probably to return in a day or two.

If you happen to see Barbara Mahler today, be sure to wish her a Happy Birthday. Many happy returns of the day, Barbara.

Last week Barbara, Jane Hosterman, and Lorraine Anderson went down to the First Congregational Church in



END OF AN ERA
The old McLain House on Depot St. in Gilead was taken down this weekend by contractor Jeremy Morin. The house (shown at left in the 1950s) had fallen into disrepair. The McLain family has donated the property to the Gilead Historical Society for future use (see Gilead column, adjacent).
(Top photo: Lin Chapman)

South Paris to attend a dinner theater production of "All This Talk Is Killing Me," put on by the Oxford Hills Music & Performing Arts Association (OHMPAA). They found it most enjoyable.

On Saturday Mike and I headed once again to Black Mountain in Rumford to watch the Sassi races there. High school Nordic ski teams were competing. This was a qualifier for the Maine J2 Festival Team which will represent Maine in March at Holderness Academy in New Hampshire. Local skiers who qualified were Adam Mahar of Telstar and Gould team members Jeb Clarke, Alice Hotopp, Molly Siegel, and Samantha Southam. We are very proud of granddaughter Molly and all her teammates and friends.

It was definitely a BIG week-

end for skinny skis. If you noticed an unusual number of vehicles parked in and around the Common on Sunday, the reason was the occasion of the eighth annual New England Women's XC Ski Day at the Bethel Inn Nordic Ski Center. About 220 women of all ages attended the day of ski clinics, equipment demos, a fun relay, lunch, and many prizes, including one from Vermont Bicycle Tours for a six-day bicycle tour of Tuscany! The event is made possible by the New England Nordic Ski Association (NENSA) and TD Banknorth.

The Dairy Heirs, comprising the Hastings sisters, Ginny Gamble, Mary Alice Bancroft, and Ann Morton, were there along with some of their descendants and friends. Sharon Lyon, Bonnie Pooley, and

I were among the latter, and Leslie Bancroft Krichko (an Olympian) was among the former, in addition to eleven others. This brought our number to 18 women of all ages, sporting pink Dairy Heirs t-shirts, and resulted in our being recognized as the largest group present. Many photos were taken, and it was rumored that one of them would appear in NENSA's brochure.

Local businesses which were sponsors and/or donors included Akers Ski, New Balance, True North Adventureware, The Bethel Inn Resort, and Sunday River Inn and Carter's Cross-Country Center, who helped accommodate equipment rentals. Joan Benoit Samuelson, of Olympic marathon fame, was there in her capacity as spokesperson for TD Banknorth. She sat with us at our lunch table, and I was surprised to see what a small package this world champion runner (and now x-skier) comes in.

I should mention that part

of the proceeds of the event will go to benefit REACH, the Rape Education and Crisis Hotline, which serves rural Oxford County and the towns of Harrison and Bridgton with a 24-hour hotline and support groups, as well as prevention efforts.

I had a great time, learned some new techniques, enjoyed a lovely lunch and good company. When I returned home, I was exhausted. In bed by nine, I slept for nine straight hours and only learned the Super Bowl outcome the next morning.

So much for this week. Please be in touch with news and notes: dhoeh@megalink.net; 836-8011.

Gilead



by Lin Chapman
The first month of 2009 has flown right by. I guess that happens

when one keeps busy.

My brother, Steve McLain, stopped by last Sunday to participate in the big doings for the Gilead Historical Society.

This past week was full of birthdays for the McLain family. Stephen McLain had a birthday on Jan. 27 and Joe's was on Jan. 30. I will not mention their ages, but our grandson, Ben Chapman, turned 17 on Jan. 29.

Town Office
There will be two special Selectmen's meetings next week on Feb. 10 and 12. The regular meeting will be held on Feb. 11. All of these meetings will be held at 6 p.m. at the Town Office.

The referendum for school consolidation was held on Jan. 27 and Gilead voted 19 yes and 3 no. This is old news by now, but the new news is that the ballot clerks in Gilead had a good time as usual. There was plenty of visiting and catching up with the few people who stopped by to vote. Mary Tyler and Sandra Laughy came by and Mary had some copies of old Gilead pictures to share. Don Katlin stopped and we got into a conversation about all the blue jays. Someone had recently asked about why the blue

Notice of Public Sale
Pursuant to 14 M.R.S.A. § 6203-A, Et Seq. and § 6321, Et Seq.
9 Atherton Drive, Newry, Oxford County, Maine

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in that certain Mortgage Deed given by Martin's Country Homes, Inc., a Maine corporation, to Camden National Bank (the "Lender"), dated December 29, 2006, and recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 4070, Page 346 (hereinafter referred to as the "Mortgage"), for breach of the conditions of the Mortgage, and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, notice is hereby given that there will be sold at public sale beginning at 11:00 A.M. on March 7, 2009, at 9 Atherton Drive, Newry, Oxford County, Maine, all and singular the premises described in the Mortgage as follows (the "Property"):

To wit: Unit Number 4 in the Red House Farm Village Condominium located in the Town of Newry, County of Oxford and State of Maine, a condominium established by Wright Enterprises, LLC, pursuant to the Maine Condominium Act and by Declaration of Condominium dated August 3, 2001 and recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 2981, Page 136; amended by First Amendment to Declaration of Red House Farm Village Condominium dated December 24, 2003 and recorded in Book 3441, Page 270; further amended by second amendment to declaration of Red House Farm Village Condominium dated May 13, 2004 and recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 3512, Page 193 (which Declaration, together with the Exhibits and/or appendices thereto, and any amendments, is herein termed "Declaration") and to which reference is hereby made, which said unit is shown on the plan entitled "First Amended Condominium Plat for Red House Farm Village Condominium", dated August 3, 2001 prepared for Wright Enterprises, LLC, by Main Land Development Consultants, Inc. and recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 3358.

Said Unit is conveyed with the benefit of, and subject to:

- Provisions of (i) the Maine Condominium Act, as that statute may be amended from time to time; (ii) the Declaration, as the same may be amended from time to time by instrument in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds.
- Existing rights, obligations, easements, restrictions, licenses, covenants and conditions reserved or contained or referenced in the Declaration.
- Such taxes and assessments allocable to the Unit for the current fiscal (tax) year as are not due and payable on the date of delivery of this deed.
- An undivided 5.56% interest in the common areas and facilities of the Property described in said Declaration ("common elements") attributable to the Unit.
- The provisions of the Declaration, Bylaws, Exhibits to the Declaration, floor plans, and survey plan of the condominium recorded simultaneously with and as a part of the Declaration, as the same may be amended from time to time by appropriate instruments recorded in Oxford County Registry of Deeds, which provisions, together with any amendments thereto, shall constitute covenants running with the land and shall bind any person having at any time any interest or estate in the Unit, his heirs, assigns, servants and visitors as though such provision were recited and stipulated at length herein.

Being the same property conveyed to The Good Life, LLC by deed of Wright Enterprises, LLC dated April 27, 2004 and recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 3499, Page 209.

Being the same property conveyed to Martins Country Homes, Inc. by deed of The Good Life, LLC of even or recent date to be recorded simultaneously with this instrument.

TERMS OF SALE: All bids will be accepted for the Property beginning at 11:00 A.M. on March 7, 2009, at 9 Atherton Drive, Newry, Maine. All bidders will be required to deposit \$10,000.00 to bid in cash or certified U.S. funds made payable to Tranxon Auction Properties in order to register to bid (the "Deposit"). The Property will be sold to the highest bidder, who must leave the Deposit as a non-refundable down payment. The highest bidder will also be required to increase the Deposit to an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the high bid price within five (5) days of the date of the public sale. The highest bidder will also be required to sign a purchase and sale agreement calling for a closing within 28 days of the public sale at which time the balance of the bid price will be due in immediately available U.S. funds, and the Lender, as foreclosing mortgagee, will deliver a duly executed Quitclaim Deed Without Covenant and Release Bill of Sale conveying whatever right, title and interest the Lender has in the Property, as appropriate. The Lender, as foreclosing mortgagee, and its nominees and assigns, reserve the right to bid without making the required Deposit and, if the Lender, or its nominee or assign, is the high bidder, to pay for the Property, with a credit against the debt owed.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

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MAINE DISTRICT COURT Civil Action Division of Northern Oxford Docket No. RUM-RE-8-28

National City Mortgage a division of National City Bank of Indiana now known as National City Bank,
Plaintiff
vs.
Ryan Lancaster,
Defendant
and
Eric Lancaster,
party-in-Interest

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PROCESS
(Title to Real Estate is Involved)

This matter came on to be heard on Plaintiff's Motion for an Order for Service by Publication upon the Party-in-Interest, Eric Lancaster, and it appearing that the above-named Party-in-Interest cannot with due diligence be served by any other prescribed method of service, and it appearing that this is a civil action for the foreclosure of a mortgage recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 3907, Page 261, affecting real estate located in Bethel, Oxford County, Maine; IT IS ORDERED that the Party-in-Interest, Eric Lancaster, appear and defend the cause and serve an Answer to the Complaint upon the Plaintiff's attorney, David J. Jones, Esquire, at 11 Main Street, Suite 4, Kennebunk, Maine, on or before 41 days after the first publication of this Order. The Party-in-Interest, Eric Lancaster, is notified that if he should fail to do so, judgment by default will be entered against him for the relief demanded in the Complaint. A copy of the Party-in-Interest's Answer should also be filed with the Court.

It is further ORDERED that this Order be published in the Bethel Citizen, a newspaper of general circulation in Oxford County, Maine, published in Bethel, Maine, once a week for three successive weeks, the first publication to be within 20 days after entry of this Order.

It is further ORDERED that the time for completing service of process is enlarged to 60 days after the first publication of this Order.

Dated: 1/2/09
s/ John D. McElwee
Judge, Maine District Court
John D. McElwee

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jays were pecking the paint off their house. I read in the Sunspots column in the Lewiston paper that they might be looking for calcium.

Gilead Historical Society
As I mentioned there were big doings for the GHS this past weekend. The time had come to take down the McLain house on the corner of Bridge Street and Depot Street. This is the building that Steve and Lise McLain donated to the GHS.

Jeremy Morin donated his time and excavator to help with the project. He began tearing down the barn on Saturday and helped to remove some of the items that were left in the house. On Sunday morning, the Gilead Fire Department arrived to help with the controlled burn. The fire got off to a slow start but picked up speed as the day went on.

Things went quite smoothly until the excavator slid off the rock wall foundation and became stuck. Jeremy put in a call to Brad McLain to see if he could help out with an excavator from Jack Cross. Within the hour, Brad arrived and the problem was solved. Jeremy continued well into the evening to finish the job.

The GHS would like to offer their apologies to the neighbors for the smoke from the fire. They would also like to extend a big thank you to Jeremy Morin and the Gilead Fire Department members (Fabian Corriveau, Jamie McLean, Scott Bogart) for their help throughout the day. Many thanks to Jack Cross and Brad McLain for their help, too. There were a few well-wishers who stopped by and offered their support since they knew that it was very hard for my brother and me to watch the old house be torn down. Also, thanks to my husband, Hugh, who was my biggest supporter, throughout this whole procedure. It was really great to see everyone helping each other out for a good cause. Now that the house is down, the GHS can concentrate on the next project.

Got news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapman@hotmail.com.

Hanover



by Clem Worcester

With the end of January the grace period for licensing dogs at the

Town Office ended. Most folks

did license their dogs but a few missed the deadline. A \$15 late fee will be assessed to late dog licenses until the animal control officer pays a visit, then it costs more.

Continuing snows have increased the snow pack that our area is buried in. Roofs that usually need to have the snow cleared off should now be shoveled. Be reminded of the deep snows last year when many area buildings collapsed or were damaged by the snow.

Last Saturday's snowmobile accident on the Androscoggin River at Rumford Corner and the rescue of the operator was a miraculous event. Rescue personnel from throughout the area along with local citizens converged on the site to help if needed. We wish Mike Thurston a speedy recovery.

One old fellow and his family whose furnace blew up on Dec. 30 last year has reported that three and a half weeks in a house with no heat wasn't much fun. However, the furnace has been replaced and the house is now warm. It is a special pleasure to have a nice warm shower and even the grandchildren have been able to visit. The old fellow wanted to express appreciation to all who offered their homes for shelter and showers during the ordeal.

Andover



by Melinda Averill

Hello Andover friends, tonight, Thursday, there is a special Town Meeting

scheduled for 7 p.m. at the Town Hall. (Hopefully everyone received the flyer in the mail.) There are two articles to be voted on: a payment to Med-Care and whether or not to borrow a sum of money for the balance of a new fire truck.

The Mountain Valley Football Team will be having a bottle drive on Sunday, Feb. 8, to raise money to help purchase their championship jackets. If you have bottles and cans to donate you may call Izaak Mills at 392-4691, and he will be willing to pick them up. Other football team members from Andover are Darren Jordrey and Tyler Morton.

The first annual Family Fun Day will be held on Saturday, Feb. 28, from 12 to 3 p.m., at the Snow Valley Sno-Goers warming hut on South Main Street (storm date will be March 1). There will be slides



BEAR RIVER TRADING POST DESIGNATED WEIGH STATION FOR FISHING DERBY—Bear River Trading Post on Route 26 in Newry has been designated as one of the twenty-two weigh stations for the 2009 Maine Chevrolet Statewide Ice Fishing Derby. The Derby will be held Saturday and Sunday, March 7 and 8 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. The tournament is open to adults and youngsters and subject to all ice fishing regulations as set by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Fishermen may fish all legal waters throughout the state. Competitors may fish for togue, pickerel, pike and muskie. First, second and third place cash prizes will be awarded for the largest fish of each species. All anglers who weigh their fish will be eligible for the grand prize drawing of a 2008 Chevy 4 x 4. The Maine Chevrolet Derby 2009, organized and hosted by the Sebago Lake Rotary Club is a fundraiser for The Good Shepard Food Bank which supplies 500 food pantries throughout Maine; Camp Sunshine; Maine Children's Cancer Program, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the Rotary Foundation, the DARE Program and local charities selected by the statewide weigh stations. Maine fishing licenses and Derby entries may be purchased at the Bear River Trading Post. Entries along with a complete set of rules, prizes, weigh station locations, and registration information is available online at www.icefishingderby.com or by phoning 1-888-ICE-FLAG. The entry fee is \$20 per person and \$30 for a Kid Pack, which includes entry for two parents and up to 6 children under the age of 18. The 2009 Maine Chevy Derby Fest Awards Ceremony and truck drawing will be held Tuesday, March 10.

ing (bring your own sled), a bonfire, s'mores, hot chocolate, etc. Lunch is free with a donation made to the Andover Food Pantry. Children must be accompanied by an adult. This is being sponsored by the Snow Valley Sno-Goers and various area businesses.

Tuesday, Feb. 10, there will be a Senior Citizens Luncheon at the First Congregational Church. This luncheon, which starts at 12 noon, is free to all senior citizens. Afterward stay and socialize, play cards, etc. For more information call Linda at 364-7968. Sponsored by People in Action.

Happy Birthday to Ashley Hall on Monday, Feb. 9.

Have a warm weekend.

Upton



by Laurie Brown

The Stateline Snowmobile Club will be meeting Saturday at 10 a.m. Groomers have been out in full force and the trails are excellent.

Charlie Felt, the trailmaster, invites you to come up and "ride the Line." The New Hampshire trail is now open. FMI on trails, you can call Charlie at 533-2028 or e-mail him at groomercharlie@yahoo.com.

One of my avid readers would like to know the answer to this age-old ponderable: If a tree falls in the forest when there is no one around, does it still make a noise? Please call in your answers to me at 533-2111, or write them at 400 Back Street, Upton, ME 04261.

Only a few more days left to make reservations for the murder mystery Valentine supper. Call Penny at 533-2010 to assure a seat in the action!

We got about 8 to 10 inches of snow from the last storm. The Farmer's Almanac predicts a slightly warmer-than-usual February and a big snowstorm in March. I'm still waiting for the January thaw!

One thing that keeps a man

from holding his own is the IRS.

In 1945, the Library was opened all 12 months, for a total of 30 days. Four-hundred eleven books were borrowed by a total of 154 persons. This isn't a "math" problem, just info from a Town Report for that year. Maybe you'll want to compare it to the library's report for this year.

Have you submitted a photo to Jim Rector yet? I haven't, because I don't have a camera; is that a better excuse than yours? We all enjoy them when they're in our Town Report, and they have to come from somebody, eh?

Have a great week. Selah.

Newry



by Sylvia Harrington

David Lowell is a new grandparent again. His daughter Marie and husband Matt Selfer are the proud parents of a daughter, Molly Beatrice, born on Jan. 14. She weighed in at 7 pounds, 11 ounces and is doing well. They live in Myrtle Beach, S.C., near Molly's grandmother, Lillian Williamson. Best wishes are also extended to the great-grandparents, Bea and Frank Lowell, Sr.

I talked with Walter Clark on Saturday to tell him I enjoyed his art work at the Philbrook Barn. There are many other artists' work on display as well. The exhibit will be there for a few weeks longer I was told.

The WVSC will hold a meeting on Sunday, Feb. 15, at 6 p.m. at the Town Office. At that time (note the hour) discussion will be held to finalize plans for the 9:30 a.m. Herb Kittredge memorial ride and landowners 5 p.m. oyster stew and spaghetti supper on Feb. 21. Please keep the date open.

For news about the WVSC trails, please call Leon or Ed with any questions or with regard to the Windy Val-

leys Snowmobile Club. Leon Dunn can be reached at 824-3335 and Ed Powers at 1-207-739-9618 for information.

Stop by the Bear River Trading Post for snacks and gear. Warm up and have soup and have a coffee flavor of the several available each day. Warm hats and gloves along with newspapers and many other needs are on the shelves.

Licenses and registrations for snowmobile and ATVs are also available at the BRTP as well as applications for membership in the local WVSC.

East Andover



by Joan Stinson-Carney
On Feb. 10 there will be a luncheon for all Senior Citizens and their guests at the First Congregational Church's CEB. The lunch will start at 12 p.m. After lunch you can stay around and talk, gossip, play cards and just have fun.

East Andover residents Cookie and Ed Thew are going to their grandson's wedding soon. Their grandson just arrived safely back from Iraq. Poor Cookie and Ed have to go to Florida for the wedding; can you imagine having to deal with warm weather?

I just finished reading the new Janet Evanovich novel "Plum Spooky." It was a great read. If you haven't read any of Evanovich's books, you should go to the library and try one. They are really funny and very easy reading.

I'm glad that nobody was hurt during the chimney fire at Merilee Thurston's last week. We have one of the best, if not the best, Fire Departments in the state.

Don't forget Valentine's Day is just around the corner. Did you know, according to legend, that Saint Valentine was a priest who used to marry young couples and the Roman Emperor Claudi-

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us didn't like this so he had Valentine beheaded on Feb. 14. How romantic is that? See 'ya.

Mason



by Richard Grover

Last Sunday, we noticed that Reverend John Williams sported a wicked shiner on his right eye when he arrived at the West Bethel Church. Realizing that everybody would be curious about that, he admitted that he had gone head to head with their new ram and came in second.

John and Wendy raise sheep, and one day last week as John was working in the barn, he failed to notice the ram eyeing him. As John was bending over, the ram surprised him with a butt that caught him on the cheekbone, knocking him silly. Luckily, John was not seriously injured, but I think they are thinking seriously of getting rid of the ram!

Aruba cruise continued
All day Tuesday, Jan. 13, and most of Wednesday morning saw us plowing through a deep blue ocean under bright sun and a warm breeze. As I walked around the exterior of deck 3 (three circuits of the ship equal one mile) I was fascinated by terns floating just above the white tops of the ship's bow waves on both

sides of the ship. Then, every now and then I saw the silvery flash of one or two flying fish streaking above the water and disappearing into an approaching wave; these were often followed by a tern diving vertically into the water where the fish disappeared!

About noon Wednesday, we cruised slowly into the harbor in Oranjestad, Aruba. As we left the ship, we were approached by a couple of men offering a two-hour tour of the island in a van. We took them up on it, as their tour cost less than half of the same tour offered aboard ship!

Our tour took us and six other passengers to several scenic and historic sites, all offering refreshments and lots of other tourist vans and people. We learned that both Aruba and Curacao are part of the islands of the Netherlands Antilles, where the people speak four languages: Spanish, English, Dutch and a fourth local language, Papiamentu that is reportedly a mixture of the other three.

The islands' history includes pirate lore and several exchanges of ownership between the Spanish, British and Dutch. Both islands are semi-arid and depend on desalination plants for fresh water; both are only about 45 miles long and a few miles wide and support populations of around 150,000 people and only limited industry. We asked about wild animals, and I only heard descriptions of domestic goats and iguanas (lizards)

that grow to about two feet in length. Our driver told us to never run into any of the free ranging goats because you are supposed to reimburse the owner for the value of any animals killed, and it is usually difficult to find the owners! We saw no large trees other than quite a few coconut palms; otherwise it looked like scrub brush, tall grass and lots of cactus (a type that looks like a smaller version of the Arizona saguaro cactus) about 8 or 10 feet tall. There are beautiful beaches, friendly people, lots of beautiful bougainvillea flowering vines, and a healthy tourist industry.

There are lots of "tourist trap" shops featuring the usual knick-knacks, tee shirts, jewelry, bars and restaurants. Our driver took us to the luxurious Sheraton Hotel, beautifully landscaped and located right on the shore of one of the world-class beaches. As we later explored the downtown area on foot, we found drinks and restaurant fare expensive, so we returned to the ship for the evening meal.

While Mona and I were "touring" the island, Jane and Craig visited with Denny and Maryvonne Wheeler, who were spending a few days at a hotel there.

By 8 a.m. Thursday we were docking at the port of Willemstad, Curacao, (pronounced "cura-sow") capital of the Netherlands Antilles. This is a rather unique setup, as the port is located on one side of a rather narrow inlet to an inner

harbor where the majority of cargo ships tie up to load and unload. A pontoon bridge and a pair of personnel ferryboats provide access to the downtown shopping area of Willemstad. Whenever large ships enter the harbor the pontoon bridge (made up of a series of open boats tethered together, with the bridge planking above) has to open to allow the ships entry or exit. The bridge is anchored on the port side of the inlet, where it is hinged. The boat making up the far end of the bridge is powered and manned and swings the bridge all the way toward the port side of the harbor, and then returns the bridge to the other shore after the boat traffic has gone through. While the bridge is open, pedestrian traffic must either wait or use the free ferry service, which runs continuously.

Our van tour of Curacao was similar to the one we took in Aruba, but we found that some of the typical tourist stops were inaccessible to us because of too many other vans and busses blocking parking access. There seemed to be more construction activity here than we saw on Aruba. There was an exclusive looking area around a small, nearly enclosed harbor surrounded by "high end" condos and very large houses. Our driver quoted home prices roughly comparable to those in the U.S. Like Aruba, tourism is the largest industry on Curacao.

West Paris



by Joyce Lamb

About all there is to write about is the weather and even that doesn't change much. Cold and snow and icy roads keep most at home by the fire. Frank did plow the two larger storms leaving a huge pile on each side of the garage. He scraped extra clean and left very little for me to shovel. The sun has not been hot enough to melt the thin layer over the hot top. Grandson Kyle used his telescoping roof scraper and removed the soft snow on the back roofs. There is still a build up of ice on the very edge.

The Cotton Tops did manage one walk this past week. At 7 a.m. it was minus 2 degrees but by 9:30 it was 8 degrees so we walked late.

At the West Paris Universalist Church on Sunday, Feb. 8, the Rev. Richard Beal will speak on "Happy Birthday, Abe." It is recast from the service about Abe and Obama scheduled for the service after the inauguration that was canceled due to snow.

Raymond Farr is a resident at the Veteran's Home in South Paris.

The new amaryllis "Stargazer" that Patty Thurlow gave me for my birthday has four large blossoms that are red with a white streak on each petal. It brightens up the den with all the white snow as a background.

At the Whitman Memorial Library in Bryant Pond on

Feb. 19 Cliff Gray, the local owner of Andrews Funeral Home, will be the guest speaker. It is on the third Thursday instead of the second Thursday just for this month.

I ran out of library books to read and it was too cold to retrieve more, so I started reading a book I had gathered to read at the beach this summer, "Joined at the Heart" by Al and Tipper Gore. It is interesting and gives much information on taking care of one's marriage and how to take care of children. It is somewhat late for me to follow their directions!

Muffin is still chewing elastics and scotch tape and licking envelope glue. Everything has to be put out of her reach.

Bryant Pond



by Alice Hoyt

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., morning worship at 10:30, evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is prayer meeting. Friday evening at 6:30 is youth group. Men's Bible study is each Saturday morning at 10.

Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet on Thursday, Feb. 5 (today) at the Town Conference Room. Meeting starts at 11:30 a.m. potluck dinner. Please bring a dish to share plus your own place setting and an item for a silent auction, which will be held after the dinner.

Judith Grover Tent 17 will hold a meeting on Feb. 9 at the

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home of Alice Hoyt. Probably if enough members show up it will be installation of officers. Meeting starts at 7 p.m. Whitman Memorial Library's February program is on the third Thursday of the month instead of the second. Speaker is Cliff Gray, local owner of Andrews Funeral Home. Date is Feb. 19 at 2 p.m. Gray will speak on pre-arrangements and on what information you need to have at the death of a loved one. If you are unable to attend the afternoon program and would like them to schedule an evening program, please call the library at 665-2505 or Marta Clements at 674-2143. There will be a time for questions and answers. Everyone welcome, no charge, and light refreshments served.

Also available at the Whitman Library to check out like a book is the Kill-A-Watt Energy Detector Kit, to measure your electricity energy costs.

Historical Society
The Historical Society makes lives richer through its programs and collections. Attend the meetings this winter the second Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Town Office Conference Room. They begin each meeting with a potluck supper. Next meeting is Feb. 14.

Waterford

by Rockie Graham
It has been a really crazy week here at the old home-stand. Snow-plow broke; bobcat stalled out; and all that with a fresh snow fall of at least 10 inches or more. To add to that, David was away and friend Dan was away. Others had to step in and fill their shoes. They did. I especially have to thank David Jr. and Rosie for filling in where needed. Not only the plowing was involved, but the chickens. They require twice daily filling their water container this time of year, feeding them and collecting eggs. The girls did their part by laying, but someone needed to collect the eggs; preferably not someone allergic to them.

Otherwise, all was quiet. I need to thank Elly and Paul for driving me to Boston to go to Brigham and Women's. Even though we were all disappointed that there were no answers for me, they were nice to drive me the distance.



DBA: Little Bits Consignment

Little Bits Consignment is located at 85A Main Street in Bethel, next to the Holiday House and across from the Post Office. Owner Shanta Hoff's hours are Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., or whenever the signs are out. She is also available by appointment with a phone call, "if our hours don't work for someone or there is an emergency such as a home being burned out and children needing clothing or an unexpected arrival of a child." Little Bits offers and accepts gently used children's clothing from sizes newborn and preemie up to 14/16 for teens. Hoff also carries equipment such as glider rockers, high chairs, baby packs and toys. "We are a consignment store, so we accept good condition items — and offer 40 percent cash back or 50 percent store credit, when the item sells (she cannot buy clothes outright). We ask that people bring no more than two large garbage bags per week and that the items are in season, clean and without stains. Items Little Bits cannot use are often taken to the District Exchange." Hoff also has locally made and handmade items such as Wight's Tights, Sewn Wild Oats fleece leg warmers, Talia's handmade doll clothes, and hand knit hats and sweaters. "We hope to expand our locally made items and are always eager to meet crafters that make children's items," she said. Little Bits has a play area for kids. Hoff's associated business, Maine Sherpa Babies, offers baby equipment rentals, including cribs, strollers, backpacks and other items mothers may only need for a few months. (824-4008; www.mylittlebits.com; www.mainesherpababies.com)

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I would never have found the place not being Boston savvy.

My friends, Lisa and Cindy came by yesterday to bring me birthday treats. They brought food and even seeds so we can start some indoor herbs to bring the season closer. They also wrote a song to the tune of Rocky Raccoon. It was great!

Friday there are teen films at Norway Library, and an art opening at Fare Share Commons. They are both at 7 p.m. The art opening is a time for artists to create work at the Commons. It should be a fun time.

Friday the Western Maine Legislative Caucus hosts a forum called "Racing the Wind: What does it mean for Western Maine?" at University of Maine at Farmington. It is from 7 to 9:30 p.m., free and open to the public; and includes a complementary breakfast. For weather info and other call 778-3885, or visit www.westernmountainalliance.org.

I admit I am not using the town of Waterford website. I have trouble brining up any info on it. It is not the most user friendly to us computer

illiterates. I was once able to find everything on my computer; no more. So I have to search for info on what is happening in Waterford. Any one who knows something they would like to see in this column, please call me at 743-0583 or e-mail me at rockhead1@roadrunner.com. That is all for today. I am off to do housecleaning and hopefully to take Tasha for a walk. Might even convince David to join us. Have a great week and hope we avoid the latest snow event.

Albany

by Sheila Dyke
Greetings and hello from Albany Township. The snowmobilers in our area

have been enjoying the snow and the trails that are maintained along Vernon Street. The very nice weather we've been having lately must also be making the rides more enjoyable for the 'mobilers as

well.

We've noticed on our trips to the Norway area that the ice is nicely frozen over and that there are several ice shacks out. Dana and David are hoping to be able to get out and enjoy some ice fishing. I think the "boys" are also planning a snow fort soon, too.

Best wishes for a happy and safe week. God Bless and Keep.

Oxford County Republicans

Oxford County Republicans will hold their annual Lincoln

Day Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Bethel Inn Conference Center beginning with a social hour at 5:30 p.m. A buffet dinner will follow at 6:30 p.m. featuring top sirloin and baked stuffed chicken. At 7:30 p.m. the program will feature a 200th birthday celebration of Abraham Lincoln, born on Feb. 12, 1809 and his first vice president, Hannibal Hamlin of Maine, born on Aug. 27, 1809 at Paris Hill. There will also be raffles and an auction. Tickets for this event are \$30 each. Those attending should send their checks payable to the Oxford County Republican Committee to Lynn Hamper, Treasurer, Oxford County Republican Committee, 1023 King Street, Oxford, ME 04270 prior to Feb. 19. No tickets will be sold at the door and the receipt of one's check will confirm all reservations.

Further information may be obtained by calling Becky Kendall at 824-3196 or beckyk@megalink.net.

All area Republicans and those interested in this event are urged to come, bring friends, and join this important celebration of the life of America's first Republican president and a Maine man born in Oxford County, who served as his first vice president.

Western Mountains Senior College

Tom White, Bronze Sculptor, will be featured speaker at Down Home Maine tonight (Feb. 5). The presentation will be at his studios at 162 Mayville Road from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Tom, a self-taught artist, will tell us how he first got interested in art in his 30s and the transitions he went through to become a full-time artist. He will present a "start-to-finish" on how a sculpture comes about from the first calls from a potential customer, the follow up, design and creation of a sculpture. He also has sever-

al life-size and larger sculptures in his studio to show from the various stages. Admission is free. However, because of limited seating, admission is by RSVP only. Please call Jackie Cressy at 824-0508 to see if seats are still available.

"Strangers Among Us"
"Strangers Among Us" is a powerful award-winning play by Aaron Bushkowsky about the struggles of families facing Alzheimer's disease. It will be performed on Sunday, Feb. 8 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Bethel Congregational Church, Garland Chapel, Church Street, Bethel.

Peg Gagnon, Informational and Outreach Specialist, Maine Alzheimer's Association, will lead a discussion following the play. Over the past two years, Peg led a series of dementia workshops in Bethel and enthusiastic audiences encouraged her return.

Lynn Arizzi, director of the Western Mountains Senior Players for the past four years, directs the play. Cast members will carry their scripts but develop their characters and follow stage directions. Most cast members are experienced, having been members of Lynn's Senior Players troupe for three or four years. Lynn said the cast is inspired by the characters they portray, which teach about courage and compassion.

The play puts a gentle, loving spin on Alzheimer's disease as the main characters, Gabrielle, played by Carole Timberlake and Michael,

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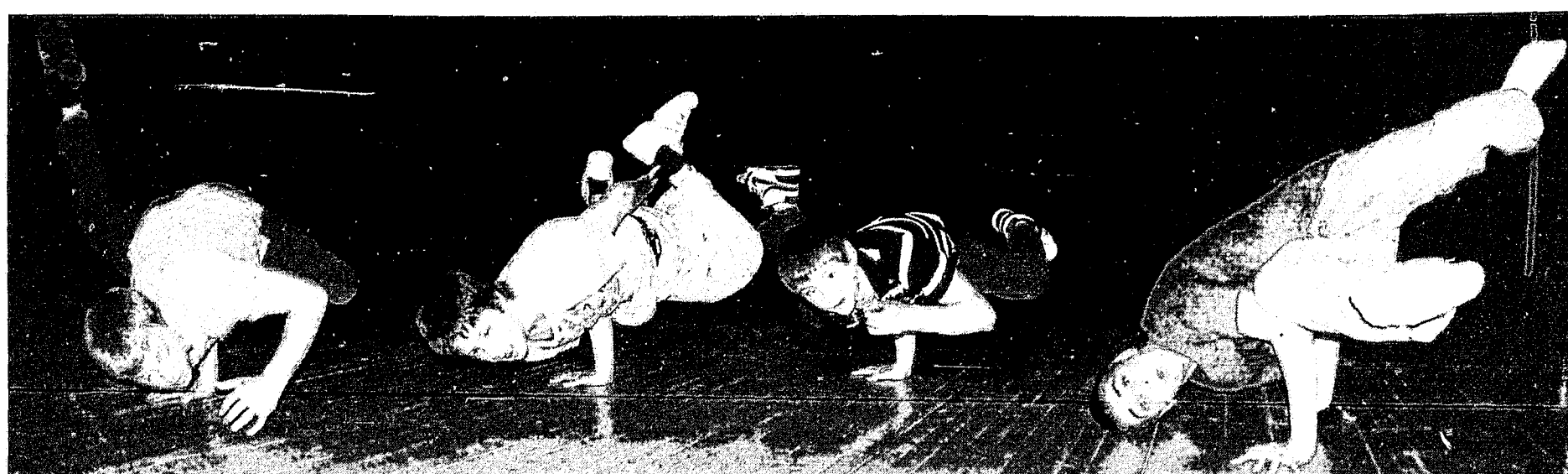
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played by Ross Timberlake, meet by accident, fall in love, part, meet again and fall in love all over again. The problem is that every time they meet they forget each other's names. They can't help it; they suffer from Alzheimer's disease.

Complicating things are family members who have difficulty with the changes and challenges Gabrielle and Michael experience, as they become more and more entangled in the bits and pieces of memory and language. Eventually, Gabrielle and Michael end up at a long-term care facility where they meet other people suffering from the same disease, extraordinary people who live and die with courage and hope. In the end Michael and Gabrielle find love again and, in the process, change the lives of the people around them.

Other characters in the play include Joan, Michael's daughter, played by Lorrie Hoeh; Art, Joan's husband, played by Jay Boschetti; Virgil, Gabrielle's husband, played by Dan Johnson; Netti, Gabrielle's daughter, played by Sharon Lyon; Robyn, a nurse, played by



READY TO TOUR—Top: Telstar students Jeremy Putnam, Cody Merchant, Alex Goulet and Eric Roy practice their technique in preparation for touring this month with "Hip Hop Handbook." Right: Putnam and Goulet. (See story, Page 1.) (Photos: A. Aloisio)

Roberta Taylor; Leo, a would-be baseball player, played by Joe Arizzi; Mary, a cake maker, played by Tineke Ouwinga; Mary 2, a dancer, played by Rosabelle Tiff; and Jackie Cressy as the poet.

The play is offered by the To Your Health committee of Western Mountains Senior College as a community service and the public is invited. Admission is free but voluntary donations will be accepted to offset royalty fees. Re-

freshments will be served.

Other sponsors of the To Your Health committee include the Bethel Family Health Center, SAD44/Community Education and Wayne DuPlessis, counselor.

"Strangers Among Us" by Aaron Bushkowsky is produced by special arrangement with the Playwrights Guild of Canada, 215 Spading Avenue, Suite 210, Toronto, Ontario, M5T 2C7. For more information, call R. Tiff at 824-2053.

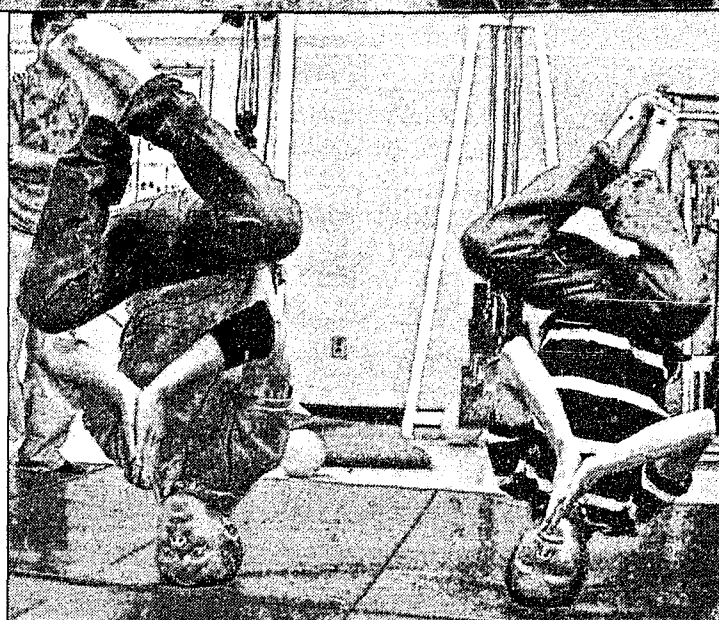
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The 35th annual Heritage Day will be held on Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Bethel Historical Society's Dr. Moses Mason House and the O'Neil Robinson House, 10-14 Broad Street, Bethel, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Jay Boschetti of Steam Mill

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J2 QUALIFIER

Four Gould Academy cross-country skiers raced at Black Mountain recently and qualified for the New England J2 festival in March. The skiers are Jeb Clarke, Alice Hotopp, Molly Siegel, and Samantha Southam. Siegel is pictured here.

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Sports

High School Boys' Varsity Basketball

Livermore Falls 66; Telstar 61; Feb. 3—Telstar scorers: Vaughn 10; Whitney 4; Kimball 5; Pew 7; Field 10; Putnam 23; Howard 2.

Dirigo 68, Telstar 36; Jan. 29—Telstar scorers: Gundersen 2; Whitney 10; Kimball 5; Kimball 2; Pew 2; O'Connor 3; Field 2; Putnam 8, Howard 2. Whitney had a three-pointer.

High School Boys' J.V. Basketball

Mt. Valley 46, Telstar 45; Jan. 31— Telstar scorers: Dan Whitney 19 (7 rebounds); Corey Howard 10 (5 rebounds); T.J. O'Connor 9; Elek Pew 8. "We had our opportunities but just couldn't finish off Mt. Valley. It was a great game and everyone worked extremely hard." Coach David Berry.

Telstar 56, Monmouth 47; Jan. 22—Telstar scorers: Dan Whitney 17; Elek Pew 9; T.J. O'Connor 8; Corey Howard 9; Ridge Latham 6. "Dan Whitney went 9 for 10 from the foul line and Ridge Latham had six rebounds to lead the Rebels. The J.V. Rebels have not played a game in 17 days but had a good third quarter to improve their record to 5-3.

High School Girls' Varsity Basketball

Dirigo 47, Telstar 26; Jan. 29—Telstar's Brianna Douglass, Emma Davis, and Cheyanne Day shared scoring responsibilities with 8 points each. Douglass also grabbed 6 rebounds. Kayla Merrill also had 6 rebounds as well as 4 steals and 3 blocks. Emma Davis contributed with 3 assists, 3 steals, and 4 blocks. — Coach Kelly Dole

Mt. Valley 53, Telstar 29; Jan. 30—The team kept the game close for a half, but Mt. Valley pressed in the second half to pull away with the win. Kayla Merrill led the Rebel scorers

with 10 points, Cheyanne Day added 7 points as well as 7 rebounds, Brianna Douglass scored 5, and Emma Davis added 4.—Coach Kelly Dole

High School Cross-country Skiing

Nordic 5 km Classic Co-ed at Black Mountain; Jan. 31—Boys winning time 14:03. Gould racers: 5. Peter Cowan 14:41; 6. Andrew Nesbit 14:46; 16. Jeb Clarke 15:28; 50. Jeff Lewis 17:19; 141. Izzy Cohan 20:17; 161. Jacob Kopell 21:23; 189. Reed Molback 23:12; Girls winning time 16:26. Gould racers: 6. Alice Hotopp 17:41; 31. Molly Siegel 19:46; 37. Samantha Southam 20:03; 87. Marguerite Wiser 22:55; 127. Abbie Goldberg 25:52; 141. Helen Cooper 28:01. Jeb Clarke, Alice Hotopp, Molly Siegel, and Samantha Southam qualified for the New England J2 festival in March. — from Gould sports reports

High School Alpine Skiing

Shawnee Peak Giant Slalom Meet at Shawnee Peak, Jan. 26—Racing against a strong field of Class B schools Telstar team charged hard with the girls finishing second overall and the boys finishing fourth. Leading for the boys team was Frankie Del Duca who skied a very clean, fast second run to win overall for the boys. Freshman Cody Boivin, posted two great runs to finish 11th. Also scoring for the team were newcomers Edgar Barrero-Stadler who finished 28th and Anthony Dirago who finished 33rd. Samantha Largess set the pace for the Telstar girls, turning in two fast runs for a second-place individual finish. Sophomore Morgana Lee posted a blazing second run to move up to third place. Team Captain Peggie Depasquale posted two consistent runs to finish in 6th place. Rounding out the team, TJ Cowin posted the third fastest time on the first run, but had difficulty in a technical section on the second run finishing 21st.— Coach Anne Reis

Mountain Valley Invitational Alpine Meet, Jan. 30—The Telstar girls won the giant slalom with a score of 34 points. In the slalom event the girls were narrowly edged out of first by Mt. Abram, and ended the day second overall by a small margin of 3 points behind Mt. Abram. The Telstar boys continue to improve as a team, finishing third in the GS event behind Mountain Valley and Livermore Falls. The boys finished fourth in the slalom, which placed them fourth overall for the day. —Coach Anne Reis

High School Snowboarding

USASA Snowboard GS/Slalom at Saddleback; Feb. 1—Gould's James Abbott placed first in the slalom and third in Giant Slalom; Jonathan Scheidegger was second in the Giant Slalom and third in the slalom, in the Youth Men Division. Conor McCarthy, competing in the Junior Men Division, placed first in the Giant Slalom and second in slalom. — from Gould sports reports

USASA Slopestyle Snowboard at Saddleback; Jan. 31—Gould's Robbie Moulton placed first, Jacob Hall second and Kevin Keough fourth. Cody Martin took first in his division and Shea McCarthy also got a first. In the Breaker girls, Olivia Leatherwood placed third. — from Gould sports reports

USASA Slopestyle Snowboard at Sunday River; Jan. 25—Gould's Robbie Moulton placed first in Junior Men. Olivia Leatherwood was second in the Breaker girls, in her first slopestyle of the year. Mat Schwartz and Jacob Hall finished third in their respective age groups. — from Gould sports reports

USASA Double Halfpipe Snowboard at Sunday River; Jan. 25—Standout riders for Gould were Peter Rodway with two firsts and Olivia Leatherwood with two seconds. — from Gould sports reports

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Front: Drew Wilson, Daniel Whitney, Justin Smith, Joey Blanchard, Devin Vail, Jonah Thurlow. Back: Zach Brands, Timothy O'Connor, Michael Black, Corey Howard, Elek Pew, Josh Bellinger, David Berry.



TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL 2008-2009 GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL
Front: Katie Blaszcak, Catelynn Bennett, Lyndsay Merrill, Faith Parker. Back: Co-coach Kelly Dole, Kayla Merrill, Brianna Douglass, Emma Davis, Echo Hoyt, Nicena Walker, Co-coach Vernon Davis. Absent: Cheyanne Day



TELSTAR MIDDLE SCHOOL 2008-2009 BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL
Front: Josef Andrews, Mitchell Sabins, Austin Ryerson, Tyler Cherkis, Nikolas Conrad. Back: Coach Tim O'Connor, Michael Del Duca, Nicholas Mills, Lucas Bellanceau, Dominic Haines, Derrick Merrill.



TELSTAR MIDDLE SCHOOL 2008-2009 BOYS J.V. BASKETBALL
Front: Cyle Marriott, Joseph Putnam, Mike Rodway, Maverik Griffin. Back: Ryan Vail, Coach Scott Haines, Thomas Roberti, Jordan Pilgrim, Dylan Gordan, Jacob Yates. Absent: Andrew Mills, David Pilgrim.



TELSTAR MIDDLE SCHOOL 2008-2009 GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL
Front: Hannah Ryerson, Autumn Morin, Jennifer Wakefield, Kiersten Drapeau, Anna Saucier, Savanna Patenaude, Casey Balzszac. Back: Manager Molly Bruce, Mariha Morin, Skye Dole, Abby Ford, Jennalee Putnam, Alexa Broomhall, Maisey Griffin, Coach Becky Morin. Absent: Shyanne Shannon.



TELSTAR MIDDLE SCHOOL 2008-2009 J.V. GIRLS BASKETBALL
Front: Venessa Godwin, Kayla Waterhouse, Aislyn Forbes, Jessica Kelly, Annie Cushman. Back: Manager Molly Bruce, Katie Merrill, Mackenzie White, Eliza Miele, Rachel Boyd, Alyssa Brands, Coach Tracy Morin. Absent: Savannah Pelletier, Courtney Currier, Anna Tyrina, Hali Barter.



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Events Calendar

9 a.m. (Fridays) - **Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge** at Fare Share Food Coop, 443 Main Street, Norway. For more information, call Mimi Bell (743-8081) or Rowena Palmer (743-2882) or e-mail bridge@megalink.net.

Every Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m. - **The Yet To be Named Banjo Club** practices in the Commons of the Fare Share Market at 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists invited to join. Public welcome to come and listen. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680.

First and Third Wednesdays 9 to 12 a.m. - **Veterans' Advocate** will be at Maine Veterans' Home, South Paris.

Wednesdays 6 to 7:30 p.m. - **People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction** may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: call Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (all calls confidential).

Wednesday nights - **TOPS**, take off pounds sensibly, meets at Bethel Alliance Church from 5:30 to 6 p.m. (weigh in) and meeting from 6 to 6:30 p.m. All welcome. FMI: call 824-3288.

Wednesdays 10 to 11 a.m. - **T'ai Chi** at Ellie's Express and 5 to 6 p.m. at Bethel Family Health Center. Taught by Betsey Foster, MPH. To register, contact Betsey at 875-2426 or BSF@megalink.net.

Wednesdays 10:30 a.m. - **Pre-school Story Time** (ages 2 to 5 and parents or caregivers) at Norway Memorial Library, 258 Main Street. Free. Thru February, except Feb. 16-20, and March. FMI: 743-5308.

Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m. - **Cross Country Quilters** of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. No dues, no rules, just fun. FMI: call Ginny Keniston (824-2661) or e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com.

Fridays 10:30 a.m. - **Infants/toddlers** to age 2 and parents share rhymes, finger plays, songs, etc. at Norway Memorial Library, 258 Main Street. Free. Thru February, except Feb. 16-20, and March. FMI: 743-5308.

Thursday, Feb. 5

11:30 a.m. - **Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens** meeting at Town Conference Room. Potluck dinner after business meeting; bring a hot dish, salad or dessert and your own place setting. Program: silent auction. Bring an item for auction.

4:30 p.m. - **Down Home Maine**, program of Western Mountains Senior College, presents Tom White, Bronze Sculptor, at Tom White Studios, 162 Mayville Road, Bethel. Public invited. Admission free. Refreshments served. Donations accepted to offset Senior College expenses. Seating limited; call J. - Cressy at 824-0508 to reserve seat.

Feb. 5 thru 9

Maine Handicapped Skiing hosting Veterans/No Boundaries program at Sunday River Ski Resort facility which provides recreational activities to veterans and active service military with physical disability along with spouses or significant others. FMI: call (800) 639-7770 or e-mail info@skimhs.org or visit www.skimhs.org.

Friday, Feb. 6

7 to 9:30 a.m. - **Western Maine Legislative Caucus Forum** hosts "Racing for the Wind: What does it mean for western Maine?" at Olsen Student Center, University of Maine Farmington. Free and open to public. Includes complimentary

It's always wise to call ahead

Listings in The Citizen's weekly Community Calendar are compiled from a wide variety of sources. While we do our utmost to ensure the reliability of the information presented here, we recognize that when dealing with such a large volume of material, some inaccuracies will occasionally creep in. And in other cases, a sponsoring organization's plans may change between the time The Citizen is printed and the event is held.

Accordingly, we strongly urge our readers to call ahead to verify the details of any event they plan to attend. Doing so will greatly reduce the chance of disappointment or needless inconvenience.



STRANGERS AMONG US—is an award-winning play about the struggles of families facing Alzheimer's disease. It will be performed by a cast of Senior College members, directed by Lynn Arizzi, on Sunday, Feb. 8, from 1:30 to 3:30 pm at the Bethel Congregational Church, Church St., Bethel. The cast as shown includes (seated) Lorrie Hoeh, Ross Timberlake, Carole Timberlake, Dan Johnson, (standing) Rosabelle Tiff, Joe Arizzi, Roberta Taylor, Tineke Ouwinga, Sharon Lyon and Jackie Cressy. (Absent: Jay Boschetti.) Peg Gagnon, Informational and Outreach Specialist, Maine Alzheimer's Association, will lead a discussion after the play. The play is sponsored by the To Your Health committee of Western Mountain Senior College, which includes Bethel Family Health Center, SAD44 Community Education and Wayne DuPlessis. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. Donations accepted to offset royalty fees. FMI call Rosabelle Tiff at 824-2053.

breakfast. Inclement weather on 6th: contact WMA at 778-3885 or visit www.westernmountainsalliance.org.

Saturday, Feb. 7

10 a.m. - **Mahoosuc Land Trust** sponsoring kick-off of 20th year with snowshoe hike to next conservation property, First Mountain, Shelburne, N.H. Choice of two hikes: more advanced (approximately 1 mile and rise 1,000 feet in elevation. Poles recommended. Second hike easier: snowshoe or cross-country ski along Androscoggin River. Potluck luncheon follows at 12:30 p.m.; or just join us for lunch.

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - **Family Fun Day** at Mt. Blue State Park, Weld. Families, scouting groups, outing clubs, outdoor enthusiasts invited to enjoy winter fun (cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, ice skating, sledding, horse-drawn sleigh rides, natural history exploration. Expert instruction available. Loaner equipment available or bring own. Wear appropriate clothing for weather. Warming hut, coffee and hot chocolate all day. Lunch provided. Cost: \$1.50 per person (age 12-64), all others free. FMI: visit www.maine.gov/doc/parks/index.

1 p.m. - **Twirling Competition and USTA compulsory meet** sponsored by West Paris Bobcat Twirlers at Agnes Gray School Gym, West Paris. Fundraising event: "Dad With The Best Strut." Featured events: Twirl and Dance Twirl Teams, Basic Strut, Solo, Rhythm Twirl, etc. Anyone interested in participating e-mail Lisa Floster at Carly18@megalink.net.

7:30 p.m. - **At Oddfellow Theater**, Route 117, Buckfield, presents Roderick Russell in **Stage Hypnosis for the whole family!** Tickets: \$15 all seats. FMI: call box office at 336-3306 or visit www.oddfellow.com/calendar.

Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 7 and 8

19th annual Maine Home, Remodeling & Garden Show at Cumberland County Civic Center, Portland. Over 170 vendors, displays and artisans, live demonstrations by Maine chefs and confectioners, and several home seminars. Saturday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets available at door

(\$7 adults, \$5 seniors, free for children under 10). FMI: call 295-6438 or visit www.homegardenflowershow.com for \$2 off adult tickets and detailed schedule of events and demos.

Sunday, Feb. 8

1 to 4 p.m. - **Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Fair** at Christ Episcopal Church and St. Catherine of Sienna Roman Catholic Church, Paris Street, Norway. Free. FMI: contact MOFGA's Organic Marketing Coordinator Melissa White Pillsbury at 568-4142 or e-mail Melissa@mofga.org.

1:30 p.m. - **"Strangers Among Us"** will be performed by the Senior College Players at the West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. The play, directed by Lynn Arizzi, depicts struggles of families facing Alzheimer's disease. Admission free and refreshments served. Donations accepted to offset royalty fees. FMI: call R. Tiff at 824-2053.

2 p.m. - **The Continentals**, cabaret show quartet, at St. Kieran Community Arts Center, 155 Emery Street, Berlin, N.H. FMI: call (603) 752-1028 or e-mail Kieran@ncnia.net.

2 to 4 p.m. - **Doll Tea Party** for you and your doll/favorite toy at West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. Cost: \$8 in advance, \$10 at door. Crafts, games, face painting, tea and treats for you and your doll. FMI or tickets: call Katlyn Keane (824-2608), Megan Bonney (824-0460). Proceeds benefit Mystery 4-H Club.

Monday, Feb. 9

10 a.m. - **Maine Educational Opportunity Center** free workshop at South Paris Career Center, 232 Main Street. To register or FMI: (800) 281-3703 or visit meoc.maine.edu.

3:30 p.m. - **Applicant Testing** for U.S. Census Jobs will be held at Telstar Adult Education. FMI: call (866) 861-2010.

Wednesday, Feb. 11

11 a.m. - **Bethel Senior Citizens Club** luncheon/meeting at West Parish Congregational Church. The meatloaf dinner will be \$7. Members please bring items for auction.

Thursday, Feb. 12

7 p.m. - **"The Jaberwocky"** by Lewis Carroll, performed by Schoolhouse Youth Ensemble and **"Just So Stories"** by Rudyard Kipling performed by Schoolhouse Players in new Black Box Theater at Schoolhouse Arts Center, Routes 114 and 35 Sebago Lake village. Recommended donation: \$3 for students/seniors and \$5 for adults. FMI: call 642-3743 or visit www.schoolhousearts.org.

Friday, Feb. 13

7 p.m. - **Mahoosuc Land Trust Local Knowledge 2009** will present "Animal Tracking" with David Brown at Trustees' Auditorium, McLaughlin Science Building, Gould Academy. FMI: call 824-3806 or e-mail info@mahoosuc.org or visit www.mahoosuc.org.

Saturday, Feb. 14

7 a.m. to 3 p.m. - **Mexico Lions Club annual Fishing Derby** at Roxbury Pond. Entry fee: \$10.

9 to 11 a.m. - **Winter Tracking Field Snowshoe Trip** with naturalist David Brown sponsored by Mahoosuc Land Trust (reservations required by calling the Mahoosuc Land Trust Office at 824-3806).

1 to 3 p.m. - **Schiavi Home Buildings** no charge Saturday events during February, the first event being Valentine Cards Stamp Up; second, Spa Day with Free massage; third, Cooking Party Foods. FMI: call 824-4600.

6 p.m. - **Upton Ladies Aid** hosting Valentine Murder Mystery Supper (roast chicken and prime rib) at their building. Limited tickets. \$25 per person or \$40 per couple. No tickets sold at door. FMI or to make reservations (deadline Feb. 7): call Penny Bernier at 533-2010.

Support Services

ABUSED WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5086; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

AA MEETINGS

Bethel Freedom Group's Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's Speaker/Discussion Meeting. Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's 12 Step/Traditions Meeting. Fridays at 6pm at Bethel United Methodist Church.

ADDICTION HELP

Narconon, a nonprofit public benefit organization that specializes in helping people with drug or alcohol addictions offers FREE assessments and more than 11,000 local referrals through the 800 line. Drug addiction can be overcome and Narconon can help. Call (800) 556-8885 or visit www.drugrehab.net.

EXCHANGES

District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday 1-4pm, Thursday 4-6pm and Saturday, 10am-12pm.

The Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church Community Service Center announces that individuals or families requiring assistance with food needs in the South Woodstock, Bryant Pond, West Paris and Sumner areas are invited to call 674-2566, 674-2663, or 665-2226 to learn more details.

MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5pm; Tuesday 9am-2pm; Wednesday 9am-8pm; Wednesday 3-8pm; Friday 2-7pm; Saturday 11am-4pm. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8am-4pm. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

POST PARTUM SUPPORT GROUP

"Meet the Midwives" meets from 5-6:30 every first Tuesday of the month, and the Post Partum Support Group meets every fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:30-7:30. The meetings take place at Blue Moon Midwives, 176 Main Street, Norway, directly across from Stephen's Memorial Hospital. For more information, call 207-739-2800 or visit www.blumoon-midwives.com

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

VETERANS' SERVICES (STATE/VA BENEFITS)

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Career Center in Rumford (364-3718), second Thursday 9-12 noon; Lewiston (795-4590), 29 Westminster St., 7:30am to 4pm, Monday thru Friday, Location: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15pm. Tel. 392-4841.

Church Services

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9am. Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All are welcome. FMI: 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship Service 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday prayer meeting 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, S. Andover 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church- Rev. Kevin Bellingier, Pastor; Jim Rose, Youth Pastor. Sundays: Sunday school for adults and children at 9 a.m.; Worship Service at 10 a.m.; Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade) and High School Youth Group (6th-12th grade) at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) at 5 p.m. For more information, call 824-2289.

Church of the Nazarene - Pastor Chuck Mason, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. morning worship. Wednesday evening service in different locations. Call for info. 824-4028 (voice mail) or 824-7289 FMI.

West Parish Congregational - Rev. Virginia Rickeman 10 a.m. worship, child care available. Prayer, Tuesday, 8 a.m. FMI call 824-0550.

Our Lady of the Snows - Saturday mass at 6 p.m. Rev. Angelo Levasseur 364-4556. United Methodist - Geoffrey Gross, Pastor. 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

West Bethel Union - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. For information, call 836-3333 or 836-2882. Rev. John Williams. Pleasant Valley Bible - Pastor Aaron McNally. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9am; Worship Service, 10am; Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30pm. Prayer meeting Tuesday 6pm. Awana clubs follow school year calendar. FMI 836-3006 or 824-2037.

Episcopal House Church - Holy communion service the third or fourth Sunday of every month at 3 p.m. at 38 Chapman Street. For further information, call the Reverend Gwyneth Bohr at 824-2913.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Worship at 9 a.m. Sunday. 824-3577 FMI.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. For more info, call 824-8939.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Route 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9am, followed by Bible Study at 9:15am.

GORHAM, NH

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul LeVigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday service

LOCKE MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Withers. Sunday morning service will begin at 9 a.m. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

MEXICO

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints- 265 Main Street. Worship Service Sundays at 10am. Pres. Peter Beeckel 364-5881.

NEWRY

Sunday River Christian Ministry - with Rev. Don Coverdale and gospel singer Cynthia Clark. On-mountain interdenominational worship service held every Sunday during ski season. ALERT: we are now located in the Juniper Room, Jordan Grand Hotel. New time: 10:00am-11:00am. Ski-in, or take the resort shuttle from South Ridge to Jordan. For more information 824-5886 (recordings).

NORWAY/PARIS

First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sunday service 10 a.m. Wed. Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd./Rt. 118 (catercorner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 824-4099 FMI or ride.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Route 117, S. Paris. Pastors Kim Marie and Tom Myhre. Sunday School at 9am. Sunday morning service 10:15 a.m. with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship. Bible Study, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

North Paris Federation - Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m. Pastor Bruce Tyner. 674-2968. Singerspiration third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris across the park from the Post Office. Call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012 for more information.

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St. Sunday Services 9 a.m., June-Aug. Sunday School at 10 a.m. Informal worship at 5 p.m. Sundays. Healing service with communion 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday. Rev. Anne Stanley. Call 743-6782 for more information.

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 a.m. worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake.

St. Catherine's: Saturday 6 p.m. Vigile Mass. Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass. Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway - 11am worship (Sept - June). Child care is provided. Religious education classes 11am 12:15pm. FMI 743-2828.

OXFORD

St. Mary's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigile Mass. Our Lady of Ransom: Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass.

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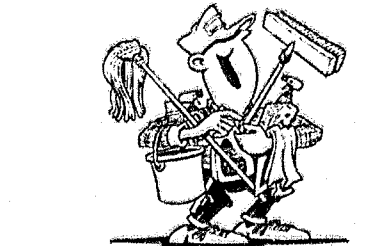
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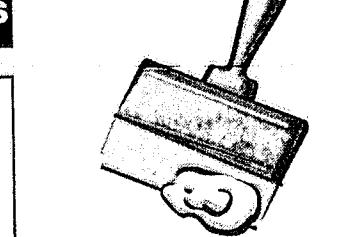
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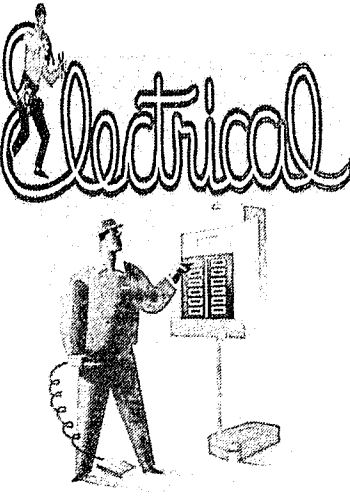


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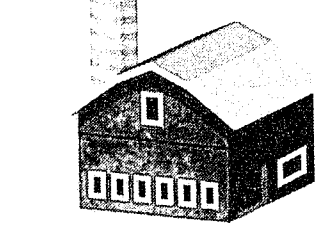
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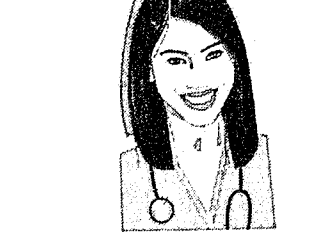
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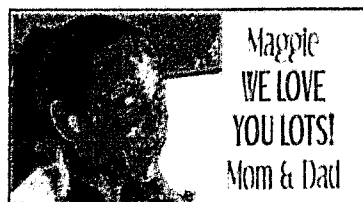
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NEW LISTING!
BROOK ROAD CHALET
Located just minutes from downtown Bethel and Sunday River Ski Resort, this 3 bed / 2 bath chalet offers an open floor plan with cathedral ceilings, gas fireplace, mountain views, 2nd floor master suite, large deck. Daylight basement expansion potential. \$319,000



NEW LISTING!
PRESTIGIOUS SUNDAY RIVER HOME
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SOLD!
HANOVER LOT
12+/- Acres of land with development potential. Partial lot had a mobile home previously, septic in place. Nice wooded, easy access Maine State, Route 2 & 101. \$65,000



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CAMERON HOUSE - UNIT 3
Wonderful second floor condominium ideally located within walking distance of all Village amenities. Fully furnished, full sized kitchen, common decks and porch. \$99,000



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PREMIER SUNDAY RIVER LOCATION
Currently under construction, this premier home is located at The Colony, an exclusive residential subdivision. Beautiful views of Sunday River Ski Resort. Five bedrooms, 4.5 baths, Dual fuel heating system, hot tub, sprinkled. \$949,000



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ADORABLE COTTAGE HOME
Located in Hanover, just a short distance from Sunday River and Bethel Village. House is in nice move-in condition. Additional 12+/- acres available. \$115,000



NEW SKI CHALET
The Prospect at Sunday River featuring views of Sunday River Ski Way and the Mahoosuc Valley. TO BE BUILT! 2 1/2 story log sided Chalet with full master suite, living/dining room with vaulted pine and vaulted ceiling. 1st floor family room w/gas fireplace. \$429,000



FARMHOUSE IN WEST BETHEL
Nicely maintained home with a spacious layout, located just a short distance from the Village. Beautiful wide pine floors, 2 car attached garage & separate shed. New septic. Lot included a mobile home previously with its own septic. Many possibilities. \$159,000



QUALITY NEW CHALET
Soon to be finished 3 plus bedroom chalet with spectacular views of Sunday River Ski Way. Home comes with two fireplaces, hardwood floors, die and granite throughout. Unfinished lower level gives room for expansion. Garage option available. \$529,000



PRIVATE CONTEMPORARY
Very private saltbox located in a desirable subdivision with beautiful western mountain views. Open floor plan with hardwood floors, deck. Situated on 6.30+/- acres of land. Very reasonably priced. \$169,000



MT. ABRAM CHALET
Spectacular chalet located in the heart of the Mahoosuc Valley. Beautiful views of Sunday River Ski Resort. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms, full kitchen, living/dining room with vaulted ceiling, hardwood floors, large deck. \$299,000



PINE HAVEN DUPLEX - UNIT 1A
Desirable 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath duplex located in a nice rural subdivision. Approx. 1/2 acre lot with 2 car garage. Great floor plan. \$259,900



BETHEL VILLAGE CAPE
Attractive Village home with 2+ bedrooms with approximately 1000 sq ft. Located within walking distance of town and all village amenities. Large fireplace with local rocks (quarry). Large deck off the back overlooking the mountains. 2 car attached garage. \$299,000



ARTS & CRAFTS COTTAGE
Beautiful cottage style one bedroom home. Open concept, cathedral ceiling, and custom cabinets in this arts and crafts style home. Property borders a stream and Route 232. Near Mt. Abram and several area ponds and lakes. Strong building and plenty of parking space. \$159,000



PERFECT VILLAGE LOCATION
Located in the center of Bethel, this home is convenient to all village amenities. Two kitchens offer many options. Attached two story barn, beautiful floors. Town water and sewer. \$225,000



BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED
Well maintained home conveniently located to Bethel, Sunday River and area amenities. Three bedrooms, beautiful hardwood floors, fireplace, sun room, screened-in porch, in ground pool, bar or family room, beautifully landscaped grounds w/irrigation system. \$219,900



EDEN RIDGE UNIT 4C
Great location at Eden Ridge. Wonderful elevated condominium with beautiful mountain views and a great price, walking distance to town. Fireplaces, open floor plan, efficient gas heater. \$167,500



NEW CUSTOM BUILT HOME
Custom built three bedroom home with beautiful western views. Two car garage with attached office and bath. Open living space with cathedral ceiling and expansive windows. Large deck w/hot tub. Near FIS snowcat trail, Appalachian Trail, Redoubt Lake. \$225,000



PERFECT CABIN WITH VIEWS
New camp with many possibilities and nice views of Shag Pond. Very private. Has gas water system and power. Three bedrooms, cathedral ceiling and open floor plan. Can easily be made into a year round home. \$83,900



AMAZING VIEWS & LOCATION
Four bedroom home located on the tip of Pundic Pond with beautiful western views. Handcrafted floors throughout, fireplace, bay window in dining room. Detached barn. \$549,000



CHARMING ANTIQUE CAPE
Historic expanded Cape on a beautiful lot with views and water frontage. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths renovated inside and out in 2008. 12 minutes to Sunday River Ski Resort and 2 minutes to pristine Howard Pond. \$269,000



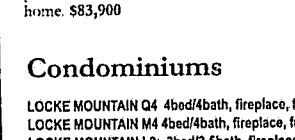
THE COLONY AT SUNDAY RIVER
Building site at The Colony are set within an historic pine plantation. The flat valley floor that hosts these lots is ideal for building. Unique views of Sunday River's eastern peaks include the famed White Heat trail, while some lots also capture Sunday River's North Peak and views down the valley. Starting at \$169,000



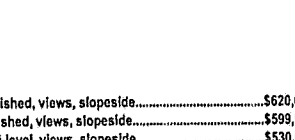
PARK STREET CONDOMINIUMS
Newly renovated in-town condominiums walking distance to all village amenities including the Mountain Explorer free shuttle to Sunday River. Open floorplans, great natural light and quality finishes. Completion nearing, ready for the ski season. \$115,000+



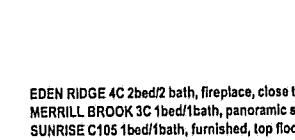
THE CAMERON HOUSE
Newly renovated furnished located in downtown Bethel within walking distance of village amenities. 1-3 bedroom configurations located on three levels. Large common areas including covered porches, decks and common laundry on-site. Tasteful finishes. Offered with unit purchase are up to 4 season passes to Sunday River. \$99,000+



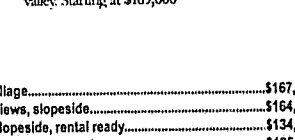
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LOOKS MOUNTAIN 4C 4bed/4bath, fireplace, furnished, views, slope-side. \$620,000
LOOKS MOUNTAIN 4A 4bed/4bath, fireplace, furnished, views, slope-side. \$599,000
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FALL LINE SOUTH 2B 3bed/2bath, double unit, furnished, slope-side. \$375,000
MOUNTAIN VISTA 3bed/2.5 bath, spacious, riverfrontage, views. \$324,000
SOUTH RIDGE 2B 2bed/2 bath, furnished, slope-side. \$320,000
PINE HAVEN DUPLEX UNIT 1A 3 bed/2.5bath, quiet neighborhood, 2 car garage. \$259,000
TWITCHELL BROOK ESTATES 3bed/2bath, 1 1/2 master gas fireplace, views, hardwood floors. PENDING. \$210,000
NORTH BEAK 11 233 2bed/2bath, furnished, rental history available, slope-side. \$210,000
LAKE CHRISTOPHER 2bed/2bath, waterfront, walk out to the water. \$179,000



EDEN RIDGE 4C 2bed/2 bath, fireplace, close to village. \$167,500
MERRILL BROOK 3C 1bed/1bath, panoramic ski views, slope-side. \$164,900
SUNRISE C105 1bed/1bath, furnished, top floor, slope-side, rental ready. \$134,500
CHAMBERLAIN B10 2bed/2bath, end unit, fireplace, near the pool. \$125,000
31 PARK STREET CONDOS 1-3 bed/1-2bath units, quality finishes, views. \$115,000+
FALL LINE NORTH 202 1bed/1bath, furnished, slope-side. \$110,000+
THE CAMERON HOUSE 1-3bed/1-2bath units, common area, walk to village amenities. \$110,000+
FALL LINE NORTH 107 1bed/1bath, furnished, slope-side, rental ready. \$108,900
RIVERBEND #2 1bed/1bath, furnished, great rental history, free shuttle access. \$99,000
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\$169,000 - \$499,000
TAYLOR WOODS - BETHEL
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SWAN HILL AT INTERVALE - BETHEL
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7 LOTS AVAILABLE 2.25 - 5.50 ACRES
\$34,900 - \$84,900
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6 LOTS AVAILABLE 1.30 - 3.50 ACRES
\$49,900 - \$79,900
ELLINGWOOD MTN. NORTH ROAD - BETHEL
3 LOTS AVAILABLE 1.61 - 2.88 ACRES
\$72,000 - \$80,000
HANOVER PINES - HANOVER
13 LOTS AVAILABLE 4.82 - 7.20 ACRES
\$29,900 - \$39,900
MAHOOSUC GLEN SUNDAY RIVER GOLF
7 LOTS AVAILABLE 1.00 - 1.20 ACRES
\$199,000 - \$229,000
POWDER RIDGE - NEWRY
3 LOTS AVAILABLE 1.30 - 3.50 ACRES
\$84,900 - \$185,000
HARBOR HILL - WOODSTOCK
3 LOTS AVAILABLE 3.13 - 4.00 ACRES
\$28,000 - \$31,900
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1 LOT AVAILABLE 5.00 ACRES
\$35,000
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1 LOT AVAILABLE 5.00 ACRES
\$69,800
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Land / Building Lots
Bethel-Song Pond Road/RL 5.75 acres...\$850,000
RL 2, 10.2 acres widow rights for condos...\$550,000
Bethel Intervale Road: 28.6 acres...\$200,000
Newry: 15.8 acres, Sunny Hills...\$185,000
Newry: Lake & Mtn. Views, 14 acres...\$139,000
Douglass Road, Resort Views, 1.36 acres...\$134,000
Mountain Valley Sub. 1.47 acres...\$129,000
Webb River Waterfront Lot, 8.5 acres...\$129,000
Newry: Bear River Rd. views, 32 acres...\$129,000
Newry: Red House Village, 23 acres...\$110,000
Albany: 42.95 acres...\$100,000
Newry: Fantastic Views, 6 acres...\$99,000
Willow Subdivision: 1.8 acres...\$84,900
Bethel: Paradise, in town lot, 50 acres...\$80,000
Taylor Woods Riverfront Lot 1.7 acres...\$79,500
Hanover: 12 acres, RL2, dev. potential...\$62,500
Newry: Mtn. View Road, 7.9 acres...\$62,500
Near North Pond: 9.1 acres...\$59,000
Bird Hill Road Lot: 2.84 acres...\$57,000
Bird Hill Road Lot: 12 acres...\$50,000
Woodstock: RL 26, Woodstock level, 8.5 acres...\$45,000
Albany: 3 acres, close to Bethel...\$40,000
Woodstock: Rocky Road, .86 acres...\$34,900
Woodstock: Great Mtn Views, 7.5 acres...\$32,900
West Paris: Hidden Acres, 2 acre lot...\$24,900

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\$249,900, Haley Lane, JUST COMPLETED Log Chalet. In Quiet Neighborhood. First Floor Master Suite, Walk-Out Basement, Screened-In Porch, Great Location Minutes From Ski Slopes, Hiking Trails, Fishing, Snowmobile Trails and Many Other Activities!



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- First Floor Master
- 7.3 +/- Acres
- Walking Distance To Fly Fishing

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SIMILAR TO BE BUILT

LOT #1 HIDEAWAY HILLS, BETHEL \$226,900

- "To Be Built" Log Sided Chalet
- Minutes From Bethel Village
- Three Bedroom/Two Bath
- Daylight Basement
- Gas Fireplace

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16 FOLLAMSBEE RD., NEWRY \$329,000

- Quality Constructed Home
- 1 Mile To Base Lodges
- 3 Bedrooms/ 3 1/2 Baths
- Fireplace, Cathedral Ceilings
- Finished Daylight Basement

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124 BAILEY RD., BETHEL \$269,000

- 6 Bedrooms
- 2 Screened Porches
- 3,148 Total Square Feet
- Hickory Hardwood Floors
- A Must See

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BROOKSIDE 18401, NEWRY \$185,500

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205 ROWE HILL RD., GREENWOOD \$149,000

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- 4 Bedrooms/ 1 1/2 Baths
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- Walk To Three Ponds
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196 HIGH ST., W. PARIS \$179,000

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- Storage Shed/One Car Garage

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1791 EAST B HILL RD., UPTON \$99,000

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- Deck, Wood-Burning Fireplace

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8 HILLSIDE LANE, WOODSTOCK \$169,000

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Sunday River Real Estate

HOMES

274 Douglass Rd, Newry: Spectacular
custom-built log home in the Powder Ridge neighborhood, with panoramic views of Sunday River's slopes. Features include 2 fireplaces, master suite, hot tub, deck, finished daylight basement, and attached 3-car garage. \$879,000

42 Goose Eye Drive, Newry: Spacious
home with stunning views overlooking the golf course at the Sunday River Golf Club. 3-bay heated garage, separate guest quarters, large master suite, custom cabinetry, lovely sunroom. Lifetime family membership to the golf club. \$795,000

9 Vista Road, Newry: Fabulous 3-
bedroom package with a finished basement, 5-BR/3-Bath, hardwood floors, vaulted ceilings, Great Room, 4th Floor River Close to hiking, golf and snowmobile trails. The Peaks Subdivision. Representative Photo. \$599,000

Homes at Bear River: Well-built homes on 4 acres with 260+ feet of private frontage on the Bear River, less than 10 minutes from Grafton Notch State Park and Sunday River. \$369,000 and \$389,000. Other building packages available starting at \$279,000.

Sunday River Rd, Bethel: Unit 53 Riverbank Condominiums - Beautiful 1-bedroom, custom finished end unit with post & beam ceilings, wood floors, granite counters, washer/dryer in unit, covered porch and more. \$165,000

LAND

Snowbird Lane, Powder Ridge: Lot 66. Spectacular views of Sunday River's 8 peaks. Easy access on culdesac, conservation land in front for protected views. \$189,000

Powder Ridge, Newry: Lot 92. Beautiful 1.13 +/- acre lot in exclusive Powder Ridge subdivision just minutes from Sunday River's world-class skiing & golf. \$69,900

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Graveside services will be held in the spring at the Pine Grove Cemetery in West Bethel. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.andrewsgreenleaf.com.

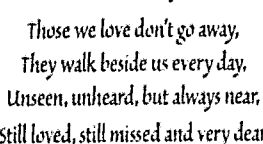


He is survived by his wife, Barbara; his son, Richard and companion Jacqui; two grandsons and wives, Clinton and Melissa, Grayson and Renee; two special great-grands, Gracie and Timothy; the mother



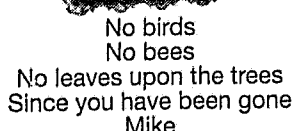
Alexis and Zach Libby reside in East Bethel. They are planning a reception to celebrate their marriage with family and friends this coming summer.

James Timothy Keith
Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day.
Unseen, unheard, but always near,
Still loved, still missed and very dear.



Paternal great-grandparents are Barbara and Walter G. Mosher.

I will see you in the seasons
In the valley, in the sunset,
In the barn, the old, white farm
The pastures, the sky.
I hear you in the wind.
I feel you in my heart.
Live on, Old Man.
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